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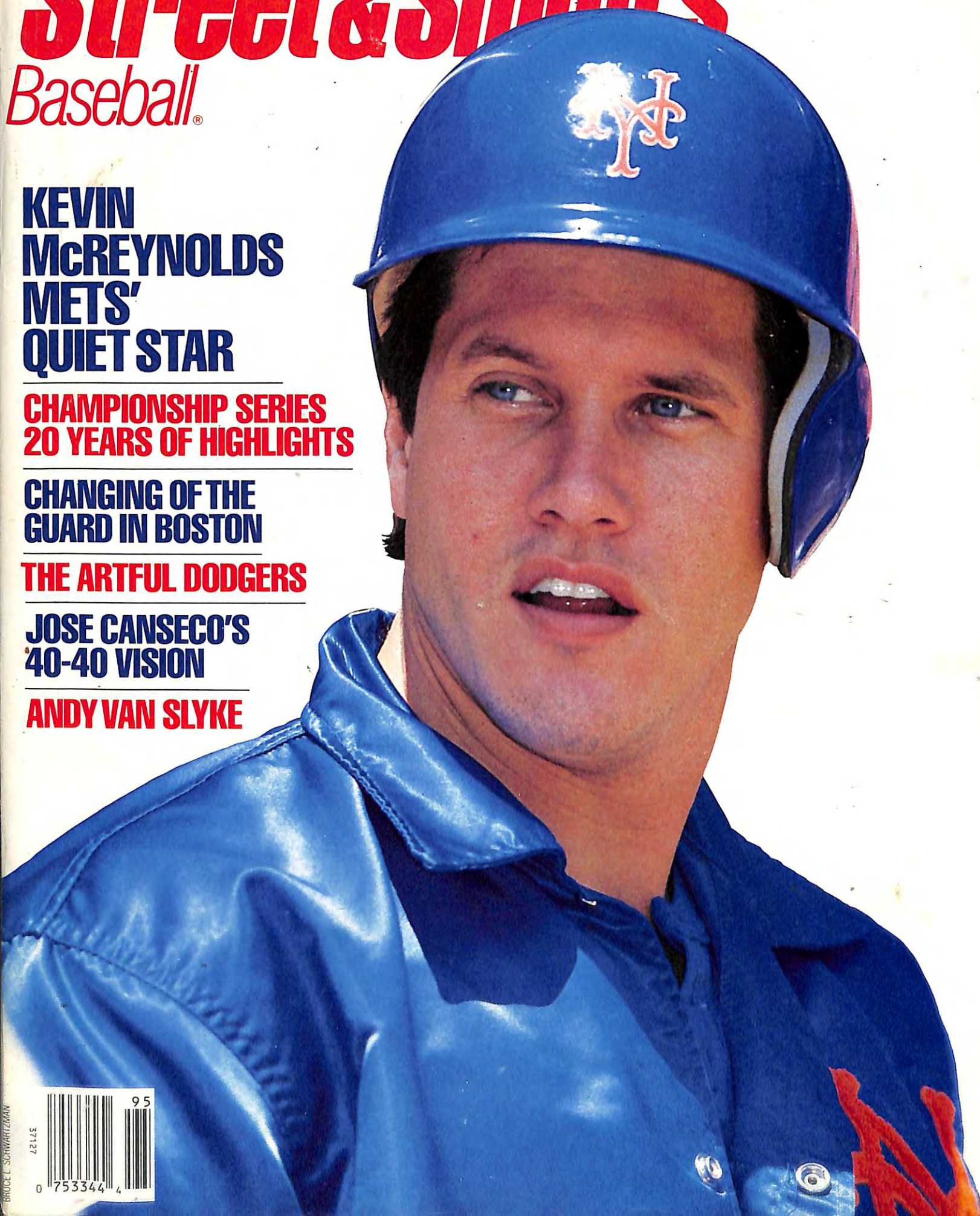
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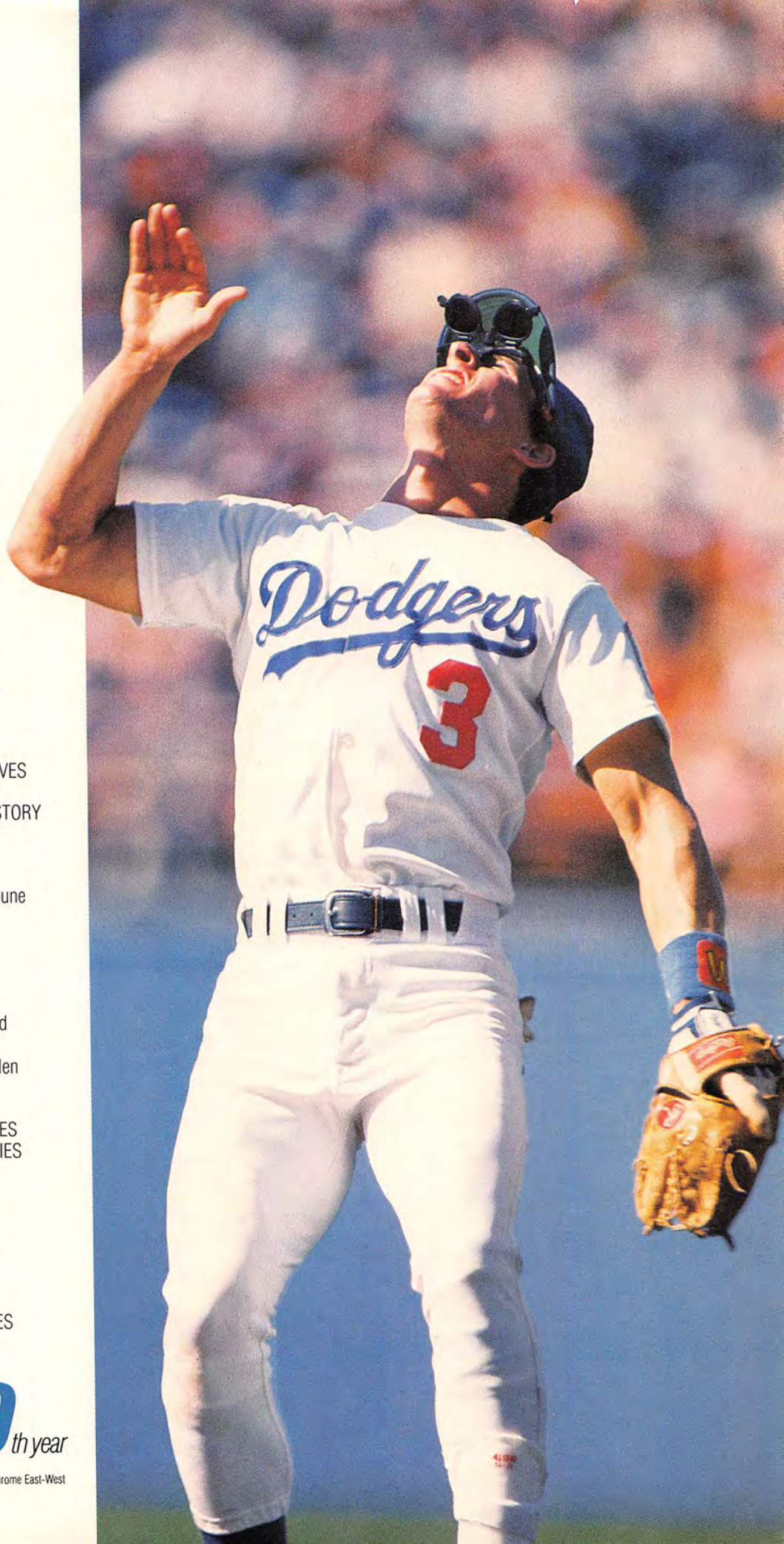
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

● In these pages a year ago, we saw the four division winners as the New York Mets, Cincinnati Reds, Toronto Blue Jays, and Kansas City Royals. As it turned out, we went one-for-four. The Mets took the National League East, the Reds were a distant second in the West, and the Blue Jays and Royals finished two games out in the American League. Now, a .250 average won't win any batting titles, but in this year of revitalized free agency, it could start a bidding war and earn a million dollar contract for that kind of performance.

When Kirk Gibson was declared a "second look" free agent last January, following arbitrators' rulings that baseball's owners were on a collusion course, the Los Angeles Dodgers acted quickly and signed him. They had finished 16 games below .500 in each of the two previous seasons, so a change was in order. Gibson set a no-nonsense tone from the start, to which Jesse Orosco can attest, and nine months later, he helped deliver a World Series championship.

Can the Dodgers defend their title? They are the last National League team to repeat, with pennants in 1977-78—and defeats both times to New York in the Series. They lost their catalyst, Steve Sax, to the Yankees, but added slugger Eddie Murray in a trade with the Baltimore Orioles. And Orel Hershisier, who won the Cy Young Award and MVP honors in the playoffs and Series, takes his 59 scoreless inning streak into 1989.

The Oakland A's, who went out with a whimper after banging around the competition in the American League, signed free agent pitcher Mike Moore in December. It has been 15 years since they won back-to-back pennants.

The Mets cruised to a division lead in '88, then were run over by the Dodgers in the National League Championship Series. They'll have rookie Gregg Jefferies from the start this time, and maybe he can provide some Gibsonian enthusiasm.

The Boston Red Sox changed managers in mid-summer and streaked to the top of the A.L. East. They finished the year with eight straight losses: three in the regular season, four in the playoffs, and one in the winter—the defection of pitcher Bruce Hurst to the San Diego Padres. That last one will hurt the most in 1989.

Gibson proved that the right addition can affect a club in the most positive way, can transform an also-ran into a contender. With that in mind, baseball's owners put aside their conservative ways of recent years and re-entered the free-agent market. The result: extensive player movement, via signings and trades, making scorecards mandatory this spring.

The Minnesota Twins and St. Louis Cardinals, participants in the 1987 World Series, fell out of the running a year ago. They'll be back in it this season, but they probably won't have enough to hold off Oakland and New York. The Milwaukee Brewers will wear their first division crown in seven years and the Reds their first in ten. And then Oakland and Cincinnati, the game's last two dynasties (they won five straight championships between them in the seventies), will meet in October for the first time since 1972.

As for the winners of the major awards, here is one projection: Milwaukee's Dan Plesac and Cincinnati's John Franco (Firemen), New York's Jefferies and Milwaukee's Gary Sheffield (Rookies), Detroit's Jeff Robinson, and San Diego's Bruce Hurst (Cy Youngs), and Cincinnati's Eric Davis and New York's Don Mattingly (MVPs).

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Letters

■ I am writing in outright disbelief that the West Virginia Mountaineers were not in your Top 20 college football poll. The people of Morgantown expect at least a Top 20 preseason ranking. I expect a Top 10, and a possible No. 1 postseason ranking. *Street & Smith's* is remembering too much of the 1987 season without analyzing the changes for 1988.

JOHN BENVENUTO
Morgantown, WV

A number of readers voiced their dissent. West Virginia's 11-1 record and No. 5 final ranking proved them correct.

■ For the past several years I have purchased *Street & Smith's Basketball*. Every October I look forward to your predictions and preseason analysis. Last August, I bought your College Football for the first time; I was very impressed. From quarterbacks to defensive backs, your magazine had it all. Furthermore, I would like to mention the special attention that you give to the lesser known football programs. I am interested in several Division I-AA and Division II schools, and was glad to read your reports on teams such as Northern Iowa and Texas A&I. I believe that *Street & Smith's* is the most thorough source of information on collegiate athletics.

ANDREW D. PETERSON
Orlando, FL

■ In the Los Angeles area the college football fans must be very pleased. The 1988 edition of *Street & Smith's* showed a USC Trojan [Rodney Peete] with a UCLA Bruin [Troy Aikman]. The two editions before that featured UCLA on the cover. I hope in the future you will represent other deserving teams in vastly different areas.

WARREN WITT
San Leandro, CA

Street & Smith's runs regional covers. Last year's College Football edition featured Steve Taylor of Nebraska, Bobby Humphrey of Alabama, Todd Ellis of South Carolina, and Mike Power of Boston College in addition to Peete and Aikman.

■ Could you please check a statement made in your 1988 College Football edition? I believe Archie Manning went to Mississippi, not LSU. Right or wrong, I still love your book.

MIKE KOPITZE
Elkhart Lake, WI

LSU would love to have had Manning, but he was the pride of Ole Miss.

■ The article by Fran Blinebury, "NBA's Best," in your 1988 Pro Basketball inaugural issue made for very good reading. The stories on these great players were informative, not only as to what they have accomplished but for what motivates them. But looking at the Honorable Mention list, I did a double take when I came to one of the names. How could Danny Manning be mentioned with these proven NBA stars? At this writing, Manning has not played in one NBA game. I think that is unfair to those players whose hard work and

achievements have earned them this recognition. In the future he may be, but as of today, Danny Manning is not one of the NBA's best.

PAUL MEITZNER,
Wichita, KS

You may be right. This was a preseason all-NBA team chosen by a panel of coaches and sportswriters who felt Manning, the first player picked in the NBA draft of college players, had the potential to be an instant star. He was injured, however, and sidelined for the season early in the schedule.

■ For coverage of small colleges, women's teams, and high schools, *Street & Smith's College/Prep Basketball* is the best. However, one feature you should add is a listing of holiday tournaments with teams and tentative pairings. Without it, one has to look through every team's schedule to find the teams playing in a given tournament.

JOSHUA S. KREITZER,
Tampa, FL

You are right. It was a bad judgment for us not to continue to carry the schedule for early-season and holiday tournaments which we developed and carried in the past. You can count upon its return in the 1989-90 *Street & Smith's College/Prep Basketball*.

■ I have just finished reading through the 1988 issue of *Street & Smith's Pro Football*. I cannot tell you how disappointed I am in the small coverage given Walter Payton. Walter Payton is a sports hero. There may be better running backs, but you would be hard put to find a more decent man who exemplifies everything good about professional sports than Walter Payton.

DAVID P. POWER
Chicago, IL

Street & Smith's offers a preview of each of the NFL teams. As a retired player, Payton did not figure in the Chicago Bears' plans for 1988.

■ I am not a sports fan, but I love the excitement of the Olympic Games and was glued to the TV set every day. I want to thank you for your *Street & Smith's Olympics* issue because it explained the events so I could follow them better. Learning about the fortes of contenders and who was favored to win made fascinating reading.

TRAUTY C.M. MERCER
Bellevue, WA

■ I'm a 15-year-old basketball fanatic. I play at Lake Travis High School, located in the Texas Hill Country. I picked up *Street & Smith's Pro Basketball* and loved it. What made me take a look at it was that my favorite player, Michael Jordan, was on the cover. I'm glad I picked it up. Michael Jordan was explained to me in a way that made me feel as if I had met him myself. My bedroom is practically a shrine for this Sultan of Slam. Where can I send fan mail to him?

ADAM BUTLER
Austin, TX

Write to Michael Jordan, c/o Chicago Bulls, 1 Magnificent Mile, 980 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

■ I have been an avid reader of your Pro Football magazine for the past three years, and have found it to be the best magazine of its kind. There is, however, one item I feel would make it complete: a listing of the Hall of Famers already enshrined in Canton along with the page listing the statistics of future and actual Hall of Famers. All that is needed would be the name, the years participated in the sport, the team(s), and the year enshrined. A great magazine to me is one that provides a complete source of information to its readers. I would appreciate if you could send me a current listing since my reference only dates to 1977. Other than that *don't* change a thing.

TOM MARTENS
Akron, OH

■ I enjoy *Street & Smith's College Football* and have since Chuck Bednarik was on the cover. However, I do have a criticism. The North Central Conference is consistently one of the strongest Division II conferences in the country (two years ago, two of the teams, North Dakota State and South Dakota, were in the finals of the national playoffs), yet there is no coverage of it in your magazine. There are previews of the Pennsylvania Conference teams, and yet their schedules are not included in the back. The schedules of NCC teams are included and yet there is no commentary about this outstanding conference. How about giving the North Central Conference its due in the future?

CARL FRANK
Edinboro, PA

■ I am writing as an avid reader of *Street & Smith's College Football*. While the coverage of Division I-A and I-AA is complete, the coverage of [smaller schools] is lacking. I would like to see more. Such as the Gulf South, the North Central, and the Great Northwest Conferences. Division II has been dominated by the GSC and NCC in the 1980s. I'm sure I'm not the only one who would like to see these conferences join your already great coverage of college football in all divisions of the NCAA and NAIA.

WILLIAM TURNIPSEED
Steilacoom, WA

Look for expanded small-college coverage in the 1989 *Street & Smith's College Football*.

■ I am writing on behalf of my hometown football team, the University of Central Florida Knights. They are one of the up-and-coming teams in the nation. This was their last year in Division II football, having beaten I-AA schools like Bethune-Cookman and East Tennessee State. Next year they will be classified I-AA, and knowing you cover all the I-A and I-AA teams in your magazine, I wanted to make sure you were aware of the reclassification.

DANIEL P. FERRIS
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Kirk Gibson was named the MVP in his first season in the National League. He batted .290 with 106 runs, 25 homers, and 76 RBIs. While his statistics were not as impressive as Canseco's, Gibson's value could not be measured by numbers alone. Signed as a "second look" free agent in February of 1988, Gibson, 31, brought a winning attitude and intensity from Detroit that helped carry the Los Angeles Dodgers to a division title, a pennant, and a World Series championship.

KIRK GIBSON



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

player, team (first-place votes)
 Kirk Gibson, Los Angeles (13)...272
 Darryl Strawberry, New York (7)...236
 Kevin McReynolds, New York (4)...162
 Andy Van Slyke, Pittsburgh...160
 Will Clark, San Francisco...135
 Orel Hershiser, Los Angeles...111
 Andres Galarraga, Montreal...105
 Glenn Davis, Houston...72
 Danny Jackson, Cincinnati...41
 David Cone, New York...37
 Tony Gwynn, San Diego...29
 John Franco, Cincinnati...23
 Eric Davis, Cincinnati...14
 Bobby Bonilla, Pittsburgh...7
 Andre Dawson, Chicago...6
 Randy Myers, New York...3
 Brett Butler, San Francisco...2
 Steve Sax, Los Angeles...1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Jose Canseco, Oakland (28)...392
 Mike Greenwell, Boston...242
 Kirby Puckett, Minnesota...219
 Dave Winfield, New York...164
 Dennis Eckersley, Oakland...156
 Wade Boggs, Boston...107
 Alan Trammell, Detroit...62
 Paul Molitor, Milwaukee...50
 Dwight Evans, Boston...49
 Frank Viola, Minnesota...39
 Robin Yount, Milwaukee...34
 George Brett, Kansas City...29
 Dave Henderson, Oakland...28
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Though even the best prospects don't bring guarantees of success, these have been good times for young players, whose rapid development has had a significant impact on the major leagues.

When Al Rosen took command of the San Francisco front office two weeks before the end of the 1985 season, the Giants were in the process of finishing last for the second consecutive year. "Everybody was saying how bad the Giants were," Joe McIlvaine, the astute vice president of the New York Mets, recalled. "They had no first baseman and they had no second baseman. Rosen kept saying, 'We've got two players in our system who we think are going to come up and do the job.' One was Robby Thompson, who had never played above the Double A level, and the other was Will Clark, who had played one year of A ball. He really took a calculated gamble there, and Clark and Thompson came through handsomely."

Two years later, with Clark and Thompson among the leaders, the Giants finished first.

"Whenever you're dealing with young players," McIlvaine said, "you're

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

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knocking on wood and crossing your fingers, no matter how good a prospect they are."

The wood-and-fingers strategy has worked on a wider scale the past couple of seasons than at any similar stretch in recent memory. Whether teams such as the Giants have gone to younger players out of desperation or they have replaced veterans with youngsters in an orderly transition, baseball has experienced a changing of the guard that has produced remarkable results.

Consider some of last season's developments alone:

- The Mets moved Kevin Elster into a starting shortstop role, invested in Gregg Jefferies for late-season and future dividends, and eased David Cone and Randy Myers into positions of prominence on the pitching staff. They won the National League East.
- The Boston Red Sox completed a two-year turnover, designating Mike Greenwell, Ellis Burks, Jody Reed, and Todd Benzing as the new breed. They recaptured the American League East.
- In the previous two seasons, the Oakland Athletics placed Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco in their starting lineup and last season they made Walt Weiss their shortstop. They won the American League pennant.
- The Pittsburgh Pirates, beginning to reap the benefits of their crisis-forced turnover, watched Barry Bonds, Bobby Bonilla, Andy Van Slyke, Jose Lind, and Doug Drabek blossom. They were, for most of the season, the only team that challenged the Mets.

● Other youngsters emerged without being part of a wholesale plan, but their presence in place of released or traded veterans was further testimony to the trend. Fred McGriff of Toronto, Chris Sabo of Cincinnati, Tim Lincecum of Los Angeles, and Melido Perez of the Chicago White Sox are some examples.

The rapid development of these players and others has made a significant impact on the major leagues. As McIlvaine said, no team has a guarantee when it inserts good minor-league prospects into the starting major-league lineup. But based on these recent successes, teams have to like the odds much better than ever.

Syd Thrift lost his job as general manager of the Pirates in a dispute with his bosses over the way he should do his job, but not even his bosses could question the job itself Thrift did in rescuing the Pittsburgh franchise from near oblivion. On a winter day of his unemployment, he talked about the way he feels teams should approach the transition that they all must undergo at one time or another.

"More important than the age or the service time of the player," Thrift said, "is the talent of the player. You evaluate objectively the things that are necessary to win. The second part is the intangibles, to make sure he has the drive, the desire, the makeup, the need to achieve, the endurance. You ask yourself on each and every player, is this a championship-type player? That's the key thing. Can you win a pennant with Jose Lind, with a Barry Bonds, with an Andy Van Slyke."

"Once you assemble those players and put that team together, you must have a staff that is teacher-oriented. You just can't get the players out there and throw the bats and balls at them. You have to have a program of instruction that goes on every day in the major leagues. The one edge I have been searching for for 20 years or more is what I call advance technology. That is, utilization of disciplines outside of baseball to improve performance. You teach the coaches how to teach. I think that accounts for the success in a shorter period of time. It's talent plus training."

McIlvaine has found that good young players, like bananas, come in bunches, even though they can't be grown on trees.

"It seems like a lot of times it's feast or famine in player development," the Mets' executive said. "You get a bunch at one time or you don't get too many at one time. It just works that way. If you have a bunch at one time, that's the time you can make your transition."

"The one mistake you don't want to make is to hang a kid out to dry. You want to give him every chance to succeed. You want to put him in a situation where he's not the third hitter in the lineup at the age of 20. You're putting too



RANDY MYERS

Michael Ponzini



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KEVIN ELSTER

much pressure on him then. Give him a chance to establish himself, slowly filter his way in. You don't bring him along all at once and you don't give him too much too soon. Give him a chance to succeed rather than giving him a chance to fail."

The Pirates, the Mets, and the Red Sox represent three different types of transition that teams make. The Pirates were a perennial last-place team trying to get started in the right direction, the Mets were a strong team wanting to get stronger, and the Red Sox were a team that had won a division championship but had immediately slipped, perhaps because of creeping age.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE RED SOX

The Red Sox won the American League pennant in 1986—they should have won the World Series, too—but they began poorly in 1987. Four weeks into the season, they already were 10½ games from first place. At the All-Star break, they were 13½ behind, with no hope for improvement in sight.

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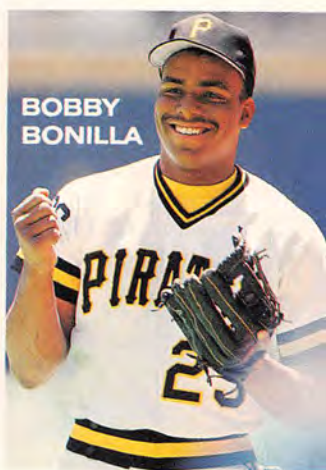
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in 70 runs, only two fewer than Rice.

Buoyed by their success with those players, the Red Sox now look for Carlos Quintana, an outfielder/first baseman, to join the group, assuming they have a spot for him. The obvious spot is Rice's, but that's a matter not to be resolved easily.

TRANSITION ON THE METS

The Mets don't have any Rice-type obstacles standing in the way of their continuing transition. Between the 1987 and '88 seasons they showed deft talent for removing roadblocks, trading Rafael Santana and Jesse Orosco to clear spots for Kevin Elster and Randy Myers. Elster was a unique story because he actually was promoted to the Mets August 30, 1986, for the sole purpose of being on the roster for the playoffs and World Series.

"We made him eligible for the playoffs and World Series for one reason," McIlvaine explained. "If our shortstop, Santana, got hurt, we had no player we felt could go out there and do the job defensively. We weren't worried about him offensively. We brought him specifically for defense. In the development process, that gave him a little extra experience, but our plan was to give him Triple A experience the whole next year at Tidewater. He had a good year, and that convinced us that [1988] was the time to give him the opportunity in the big leagues."



DOUG DRABEK

Ron Vesely

had—the Baylors, the Buckners, some of the older players—we weren't going anywhere," Lou Gorman, the Red Sox general manager, said, explaining their transition. "I knew we had some young players knocking on the door to the big leagues. I talked to John McNamara, the manager at the time, and said, why don't we make the transition. We're not going to win this year; it would take a miracle to turn things around. Why don't we go with some of the kids and build for next year. I talked to ownership and they said fine, do it."

Bill Buckner, whose sixth-game error in the World Series will live in Red Sox infamy, was the first veteran to depart; the Red Sox released him July 23. They traded Don Baylor to Minnesota August 31, then traded Dave Henderson to San Francisco September 1. Meanwhile, Greenwell gradually played more and more, exhibiting the kind of talent the Red Sox knew would force the veteran Jim Rice out of left field; Burks established himself as the starting center fielder, and Benzinger gained more playing time.

"By the end of the season, they proved they could play," Gorman said. "By the end of the season, we had established Greenwell and Burks as regulars, we had Benzinger ready

for 1988, and we knew Jody Reed had a chance to make the club in '88."

The development of Greenwell, Burks, and Benzinger made it easier for Reed to make the team and eventually the starting lineup.

"John felt Spike Owen was the incumbent and he deserved to play," Gorman related. "But he was not afraid once Spike started struggling to run the other guy out there. At the All-Star break, John had written down the fact that he was going to play Reed regularly the second half of the season. Of course, we made the [managerial] change then, and Joe Morgan came in and put Reed at shortstop. He said, 'It's your ball, you're the shortstop.' Reed settled down and played outstanding the rest of the way. In a year and a half, we broke in a new left fielder, a new shortstop, a new center fielder, and a new first baseman."

Greenwell, entrenching himself as the latest in the Fenway Park line of left-field succession (Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice), batted .325, hit 22 home runs, drove in 119 runs, and finished second in the Most Valuable Player voting a year ago. Burks batted .294, hit 18 home runs, and knocked in 92 runs. Reed hit .293, second only to Alan Trammell among A.L. shortstops. Benzinger drove

The Mets followed a similar low-key pattern with Myers, who stands ready to become one of the best relief pitchers in the majors.

"In his first year, '87, he was sort of spotting Orosco," McIlvaine explained. "Toward the end of the year he was getting the more plum assignments. We were bringing him into more crucial situations. We gave him a year to get his feet wet and get himself established because we felt this kid could be our force. That winter, the two moves we made, trading Orosco and Santana, were to create spots for Myers and Elster."

An injury, not a trade, opened a spot in the starting pitching rotation for Cone, who began

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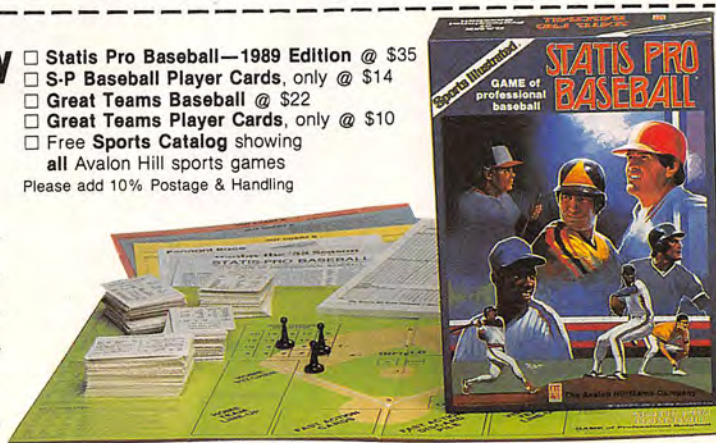
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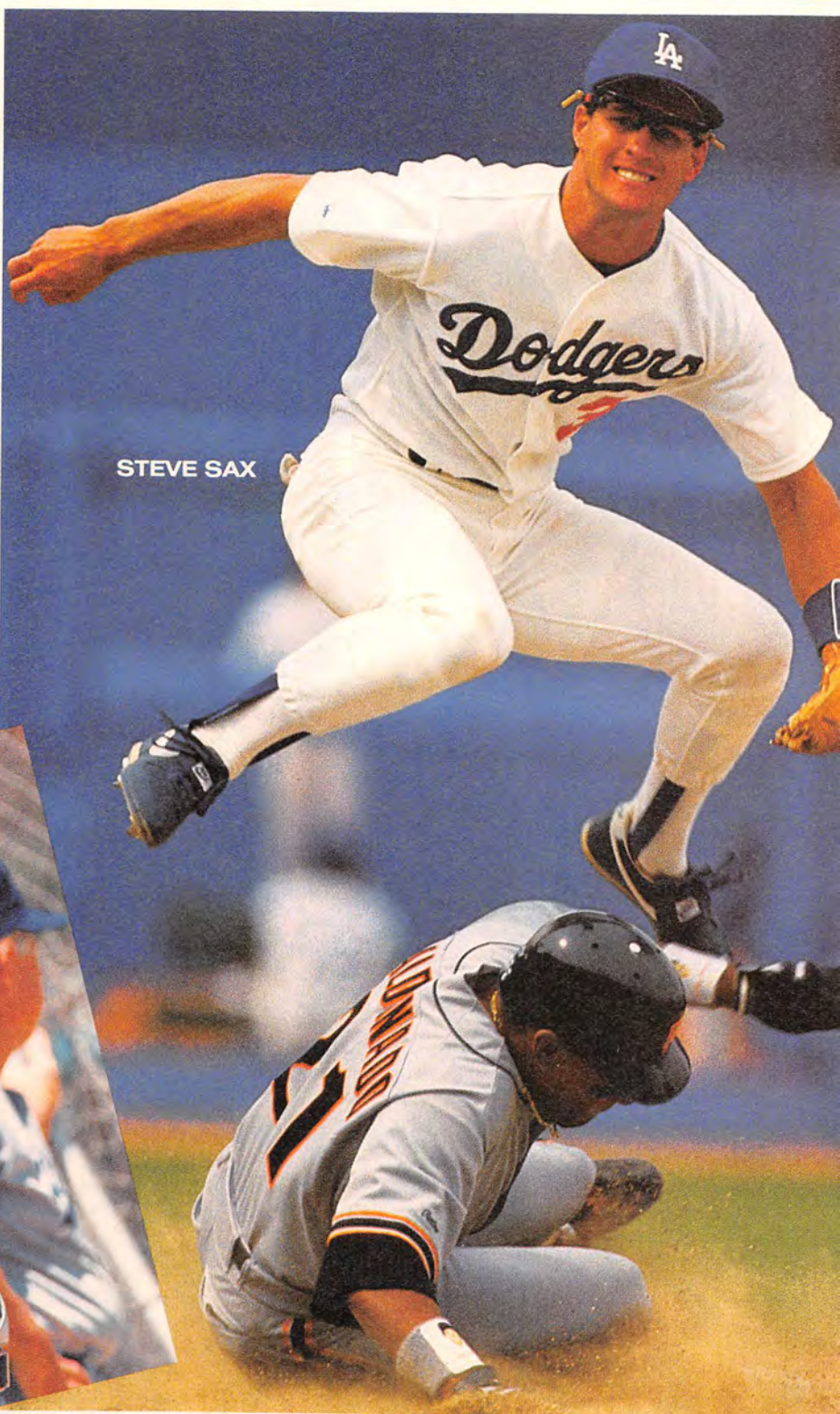
When more than a dozen top free agents switched clubs, it helped prompt a flurry of winter trades.

To understand baseball's crazy offseason market, this is all you need to know: Scott Fletcher is now the third-highest paid shortstop in the game, earning more than Alan Trammell and Tony Fernandez. Fletcher, who possesses average defensive range and produced fewer than one extra-base hit a week last season, signed a three-year, \$4 million deal with the Texas Rangers in November. If his salary—about three times the 1988 major-league average—seems a bit excessive, don't blame the Rangers. They were only following precedent in a winter evocative of the 1970s, when everyone this side of Dave Goltz and Omar Moreno seemed to be getting lifetime, megabuck personal-service contracts with a private chauffeur thrown in on the side.

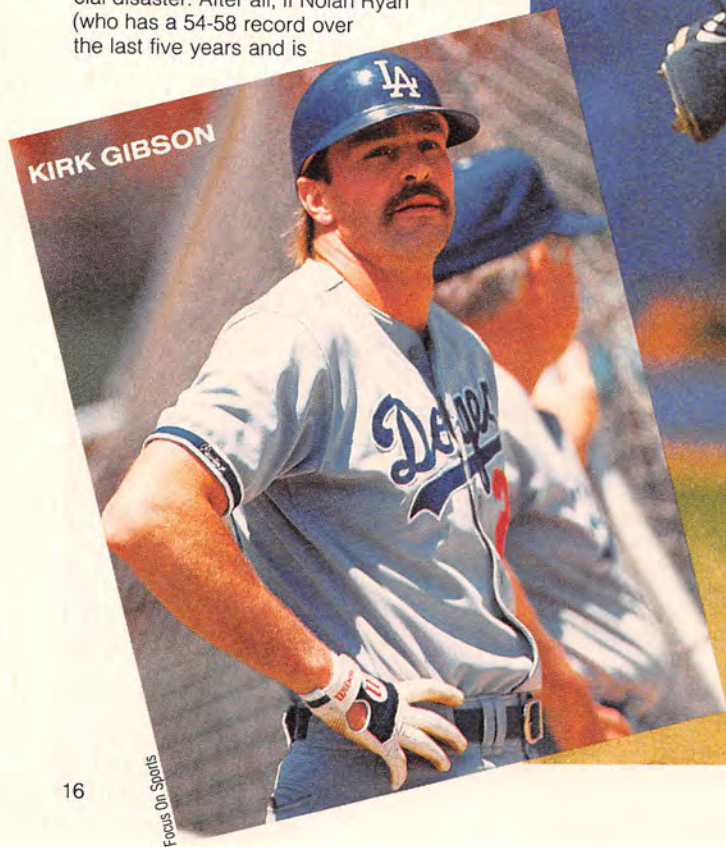
After three offseasons of collusion grievances, arbitrators' rulings, and what commissioner Peter Ueberroth termed "financial restraint," full-scale free agency came roaring back. Teams that shunned the market in recent years were suddenly bidding for players, driving up salaries, and rethinking club policies they claimed were cast in stone. In the end, more than a dozen front-line free agents switched clubs. And that helped prompt a trading wave that sent noted veterans like Jack Clark, Eddie Murray, and Lance Parrish scrambling for the nearest real-estate section.

Even while passing out satchels full of money, owners knew they were flirting with financial disaster. After all, if Nolan Ryan (who has a 54-58 record over the last five years and is

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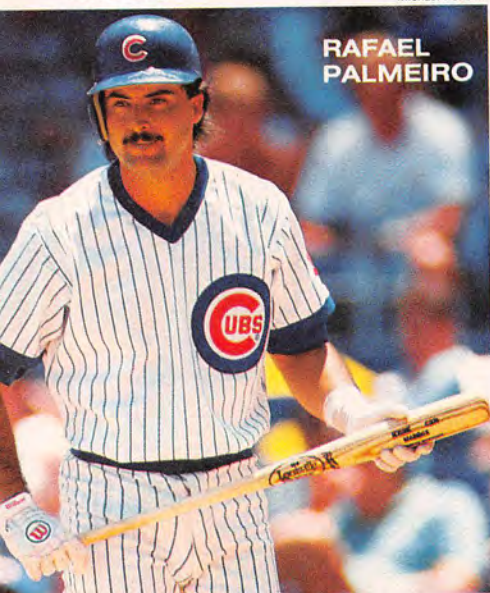
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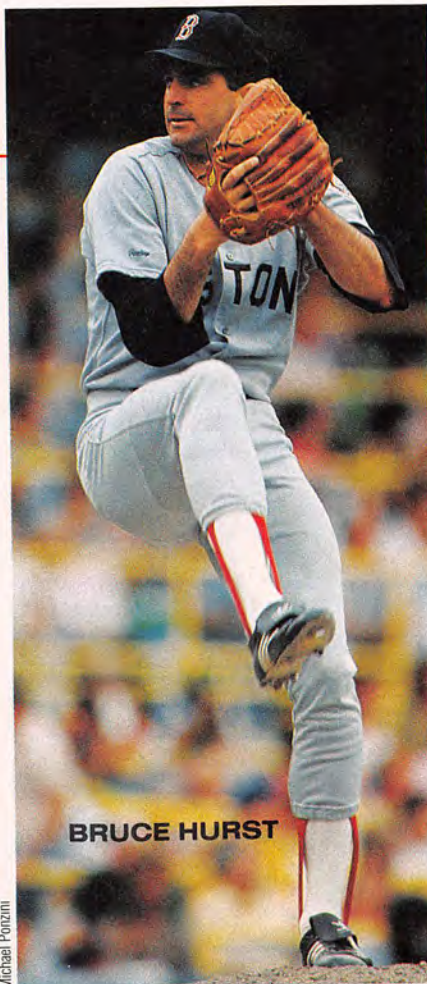
42 years old to boot) is worth \$2 million to the Texas Rangers, what could possibly be the fair market value of Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens, who becomes a free agent after this season? And if the Red Sox are willing to pay anemic-hitting catcher Rich Gedman \$1.15 million not to leave, what's going to happen when a top-drawer catcher like Benito Santiago qualifies for free agency?

"We're shooting ourselves in the foot again," warned Cincinnati Reds' general manager Murray Cook, even as he tripled journeyman Ron Oester's salary. "There's nothing wrong with free agency. I think it was working. But this year things have gotten out of control." Added Philadelphia Phillies' president Bill Giles: "I'm alarmed at the large salaries given to rather average players. It's looking like the bad old days to me, and that's kind of distressing."

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• Gary Redus, who batted .197 in limited play with the Pittsburgh Pirates last season, was rewarded by the club with a two-year, \$1 million contract. That despite the fact that Redus figures to be no better than the Pirates' fifth outfielder in 1989.

• Andy Hawkins, who has a 60-58 lifetime record and a history of shoulder problems, got \$3.6 million to play three years for the Yankees. He is now the highest paid pitcher in Yankee history. The bid was especially curious because no other club offered Hawkins more than \$2 million.

What's going on here? Why, after Jack Morris—arguably this decade's best pitcher—had to go begging for employment as a free agent twice over the last two years, did teams line up to throw money at Bruce Hurst, who finally went to the San Diego Padres for \$1.8 million a year? Why, less than a month after Pirates' general manager Larry Doughty pledged never again to offer more than a two-year contract to a pitcher, did he sign Bob Walk to a guaranteed three-year deal? And why, after tough-talking owners vowed to insert clauses into each new contract ensuring that they would not have to pay the players in the event of a 1990 lockout, did those clauses quietly disappear or get massaged into harmless gobbledygook?

The answer largely lies in arbitrators' rulings that baseball's owners colluded to rig the free-agent markets of 1985-86 and 1986-87. Those rulings freed 19 former free agents—including Kirk Gibson, the National League's Most Valuable Player, who jumped from the Detroit Tigers to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Gibson's move had another effect: it showed that the right free agent can go a long way toward propelling his team to the World Series. Other clubs took note.

"I've always believed that baseball is essentially a copycat business," said Barry Rona, director of the owners' labor arm, the Player Relations Committee. "Take the Yankees, for example. They decided several years ago not to pursue free agents. They had been a leader and others looked to them for direction. When they became inactive, other clubs became inactive."

And when that sleeping giant, George Steinbrenner, awoke, he became active with a vengeance. Actually, Steinbrenner helped reopen the market in January 1988 when he signed Jack Clark. And this offseason, he signed Hawkins, pitcher Dave LaPoint, and second baseman Steve Sax to contracts totaling \$10.2 million. Are they outlandish? Without a doubt. Will they push the Yankees toward a pennant? That remains to be seen.

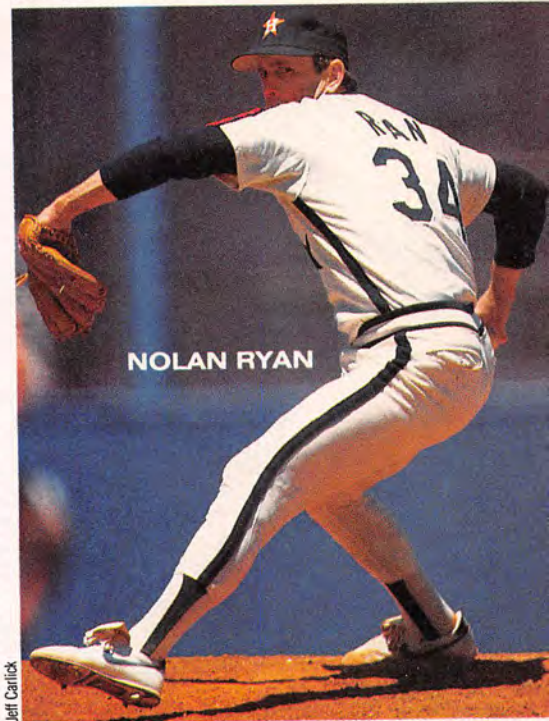
The Yankees, like most clubs, had more money to play with last winter. According to Ueberroth, baseball made a \$100 million operating profit in the 12 months ending in Sep-

THE REWARDS OF FREE AGENCY

Of course, one man's distress is another's financial well being. Consider that:

• Mike Moore, a pitcher of renowned potential but with a career record of 65-96, became the subject of a five-team bidding war. Moore signed a deal with the Oakland Athletics that will pay him an average of \$1.32 million for each of the next three seasons. Just seven starting pitchers earned more last season.

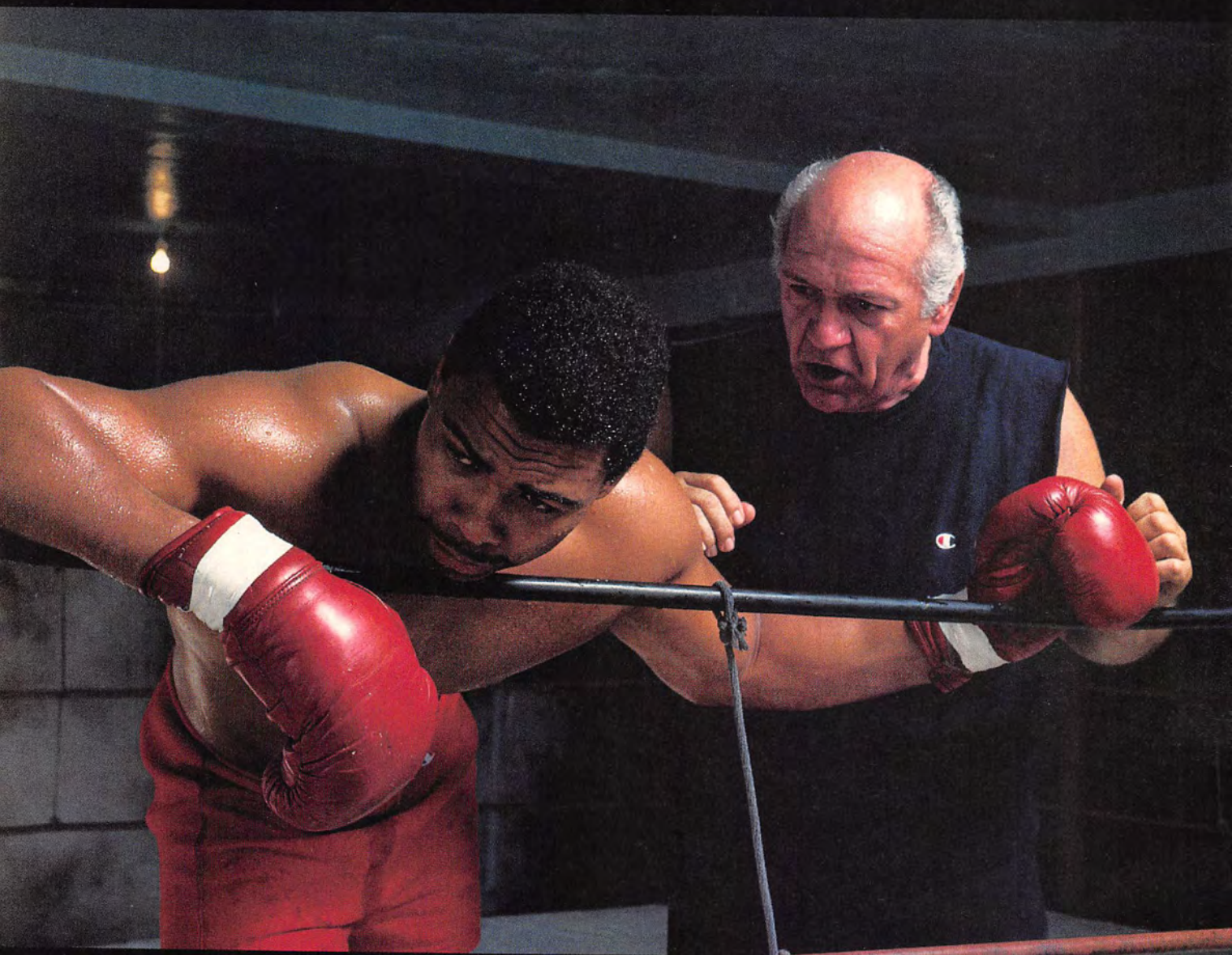
• Jesse Orosco, a veteran reliever thought to be over the hill, was lured to the Cleveland Indians for \$825,000 in each of the next two seasons. His 1989 salary is more than the combined 1988 paychecks of Doug Jones, Todd Worrell, Mike Henneman, Randy Myers, Bryan Harvey, Bobby Thigpen, and Steve Farr—who had a total of 188 saves (Orosco had nine) a year ago.



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TRACKING THE TRADES WINDS

Here is one analysis of some of the bigger—and some of the more curious—trades:

- Baltimore sent first baseman Eddie Murray to the Dodgers for pitchers Ken Howell and Brian Holton and shortstop Juan Bell. The big trade of the winter looks like a steal for Los Angeles. Murray, 32, is a possible future Hall of Famer who has hit more home runs (333) than any switch hitter but Mickey Mantle. Sure, he has sagged in recent years, but he still hit 28 homers in 1988 while unfairly serving as the scapegoat for a once-proud franchise. Now he returns to Los Angeles—his home town—to join a lineup packed with the likes of Gibson and Mike Marshall. Here's one prediction that the switch of leagues resuscitates his career much as a similar move helped Frank Robinson 23 years ago.

And what did the Dodgers give up? A middle reliever (Holton) who did a fine job in an anonymous role, an injured pitcher (Howell) with just 18 career victories, and a blue-chip prospect (Bell) who is said to have the temperament—if not the talent—of his older brother, George. The Orioles did recover a bit from this apparent disaster by turning around and unloading Howell on the Phillies for the talented but troublesome outfielder Phil Bradley. If nothing else, the O's figure to lead the league this season in clubhouse arguments.

- The Yankees traded first baseman Jack Clark and lefty reliever Pat Clements to the Padres for pitchers Lance McCullers and Jimmy Jones and outfielder Stan Jefferson. When he heard about this trade, Padres' outfielder Tony Gwynn said, "If we'd had Jack Clark last year, we'd be riding in a parade through downtown San Diego." Perhaps not, but the addition of this slugger (27 homers, 93 RBIs in 1988) makes the Padres a threat to the Dodgers and Reds in 1989. Clark hated the American League, hated platooning with Ken Phelps, and wasn't too keen on Steinbrenner. A return to familiar parks should mean a big year for the 32-year-old clubhouse leader.

The Yankees, meanwhile, need live arms more than they need Clark's bat. They hope that McCullers (against whom N.L. batters hit .205 last season) develops into the next Goose Gossage. And they hope Jones—most famous at this point for being drafted ahead of

tember 1987, and figured to do even better in 1988. The forthcoming \$1.5 billion four-year TV contracts with CBS and ESPN promised more good times ahead. So owners returned to the free-agent market like so many starving gluttons stampeding toward a dessert cart. Here was \$1 million a year for shortstop Alfredo Griffin and his .199 batting average. There was \$800,000 for reliever Tom Niedenfuer, who wasn't even wanted by the last-place Baltimore Orioles. Even the Seattle Mariners, who heretofore sneered at free agents, committed \$3.3 million over the next two seasons for Niedenfuer and the otherwise unwanted Jeffrey Leonard.

"Times are good for most teams," said the Reds' Cook. "So they're going back to the ways of six or seven years ago, without thinking that such free spending is what got us in trouble in the first place."

And, too, teams were headed back to the trading tables looking like pent-up Rotisserie League junkies. The California Angels, the Rangers, and the Padres (welcome back, Trader Jack) decided that their future is now—and so traded with a pennant on their minds. Cellar dwellers like the Phillies and Orioles began the protracted rebuilding process by holding blue-light specials to get rid of their high-priced veterans in return for prospects who have not yet even been introduced to a razor. Overall, more than 100 bodies were shipped across the country, bringing delight

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● The Chicago Cubs sent outfielder Rafael Palmeiro and pitchers Jamie Moyer and Drew Hall to the Rangers for pitchers Paul Kilgus and Mitch Williams, infielder Curtis Wilkerson, and three minor leaguers. Someone explain this: the Rangers give up a utility man, a moderately promising starter, and a reliever who averaged more than six walks per nine innings; in return they get a moderately promising starter—and one of the most talented young hitters in baseball. Sure, Palmeiro wasn't exactly Babe Ruth in the clutch last season, as his zero game-winning RBIs indicate. But his other numbers (41 doubles, .307 average) show he's no Bombo Rivera either.

● The Rangers traded first baseman Pete O'Brien, outfielder Oddibe McDowell, and infielder Jerry Browne to the Indians for second baseman Julio Franco. Texas GM Tom Grieve certainly went wild over the winter, and for good reason. Until now, nobody more than 150 miles from Dallas could name six people on the roster. The Rangers never play on national TV, never make the headlines. Now they can expect to challenge Oakland for A.L. West supremacy. The Indians, meanwhile, violated one of trading's first rules: never trade away one excellent player for a handful of average ones.

● Detroit sent pitcher Walt Terrell to San Diego for third baseman Chris Brown and outfielder

Keith Moreland. Over the years, the Tigers stayed on top by trading for useful veterans (Bill Madlock, Ruppert Jones) to complement their young nucleus. Now, however, the nucleus has gotten old, and guys like Brown and Moreland aren't what Detroit needs. Terrell, meanwhile, should win his usual 12-15 games with the improving Padres.

● Philadelphia traded pitcher Kevin Gross to the Montreal Expos for pitchers Floyd Youmans and Jeff Parrett. This deal could prove to be great, or disastrous, for either club. Gross has good stuff, but his "Me Generation" attitude (I'm great, my teammates stink) and his tendency to sulk when things go poorly never won him Mr. Congeniality awards—or games, for that matter. Youmans has Goodenesque stuff, but he has battled with alcohol and drugs. And scouts who saw him this winter said his waistline was in the Lasorda league. The sleeper in this deal could be Parrett, who Mike Schmidt predicts will be the new Steve Bedrosian. If that's true, watch for the Phils to deal the old Steve Bedrosian.

● The Dodgers dealt second baseman Steve Sax to the Yankees for second baseman Willie Randolph. O.K., so these players weren't traded, they swapped clubs as free agents. But while all the hype went to the effect Sax will have in New York (speed, mostly), here's one vote that says Randolph's superior defense and on-base percentage will have a bigger positive influence on the Dodgers.

MOST OUTRAGEOUS CONTRACT Jesse Orosco. His 1988 club, the Dodgers, along with nearly everyone else, figured the 31-year-old reliever was washed up after issuing more than five walks per nine innings. At best, Orosco seemed likely to scrounge up a spring training invitation. So what happens? The Cleveland Indians, desperate for left-handed bullpen help for their stopper, Doug Jones, signed Orosco to a deal that could pay him \$2.67 million over the next three years.

BIGGEST BARGAIN There aren't many bargains at a time when shortstops hitting .199 (Alfredo Griffin) sign for \$1 million and pitchers with career records of 65-96 (Mike Moore) get \$1.2 million. But the steal of the year might be Phillies' reliever Greg Harris. His 2.36 ERA and 6.7 hits allowed per nine innings in 1988 make him the logical successor to Kent Tekulve as the Phils' set-up man. His salary (\$325,000 for 1989) is, by baseball standards, chicken feed.

BEST RECOVERY Dave Henderson. One year ago, he was cut loose by the Giants after hitting .235. The Athletics picked him up for a rock-bottom \$225,000 and got 24 homers, 94 RBIs, and .304 batting average in return. For his efforts, Henderson signed to stay with the A's for three more years, at an annual rate of \$933,333.

I LOVE NEW YORK During the 1988 National League Championship Series, Steve Sax noted, "I wouldn't play in New York for \$10 million." Perhaps not, but when Yankees owner George Steinbrenner coughed up \$4 million for three years, Sax jumped at the offer. "I've always wanted to play in New York," he deadpanned. "I love New York."

RECORD SETTER Catcher Jamie Quirk, formerly of the Kansas City Royals, became the first player ever to become a free agent five times in his career, including four years in a row. Of course, in Quirk's case, free agency usually comes when his old team decides not to take him back. "I hate it," Quirk said. "It means I don't

have a job. This time of year is never fun for me. I have to knock on doors and beg and plead, looking for work." The Yankees finally answered his pleas, signing Quirk for 1989.

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SAYONARA No one would pay first baseman Willie Upshaw of the Indians the \$900,000 he made in 1988, so he took the Bob Horner route, signing with the Daiei Hawks of the Japanese League. Upshaw, who hit .245 with 11 homers last season, will make \$2.5 million over the next two years.

RAISE OF THE YEAR Catcher Bob Boone had one stipulation in negotiations: he wanted to make more in 1989 than he did in 1988. When the Kansas City Royals offered \$883,001, \$1 more than his salary of last season, Boone quickly agreed. "My agent did that so he could say he got me a raise," offered Boone.

DON'T CALL US Two years ago, catcher Ozzie Virgil slammed 27 homers and played in his second All-Star Game. However, the Atlanta Braves decided not to bring him back, and—despite a widespread hunt for receivers—no one else seemed interested.

HARDLY WORKING Thanks to a contract he signed years back, Larry McWilliams will be paid \$900,000 in 1989, even if he doesn't throw a pitch. McWilliams wants an extra \$200,000 or so to actually play for someone. So far, no team has bitten.

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by DWIGHT CHAPIN
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● It was an amazing year for muscleman Jose Canseco. He became the first player in baseball history to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in a single season. He led the Oakland A's to a league championship and the World Series. He was named the American League's Most Valuable Player—unanimously. And he got married to former Miss Miami Esther Haddad.

Canseco took it all very much in stride, particularly for a guy who still is only 24 years old. He has become a lot more comfortable in the spotlight than he was as a sometimes close-mouthed rookie in 1986, but he's never going to win any awards for ebullience—or for self-analysis. Ask him the secret to a hitting stroke that produced a major-league-leading 42 homers, 124 runs batted in, and .569 slugging percentage, along with a .307 batting average, and he answers, "I see the ball and I hit it as hard as I can." It's been said that Canseco is so cool he'd clink in a glass.

"Nothing bothers him," teammate Carney Lansford said. "He's had that attitude since Day 1, and it's great. I wish I could do that. I'm sure a lot of guys wish they could." Not to mention wishing they could *play* like Canseco.

Early in his career, Canseco did nothing to suggest that he would become the stuff of legends when he was not quite halfway into his 20s. The Havana-born Canseco, who moved to Miami with his parents and identical twin brother Ozzie (now a promising A's farm hand) when he was less than a year old, was no young teen phenom. He didn't even make the varsity his first two years at Coral Park High School. And although he batted .400 as a senior third baseman in 1982, he wasn't picked until the 15th round of the draft that June. He probably wouldn't have been picked at all if A's scout Camilo Pascual, the former Twins' pitcher, hadn't been so insistent.

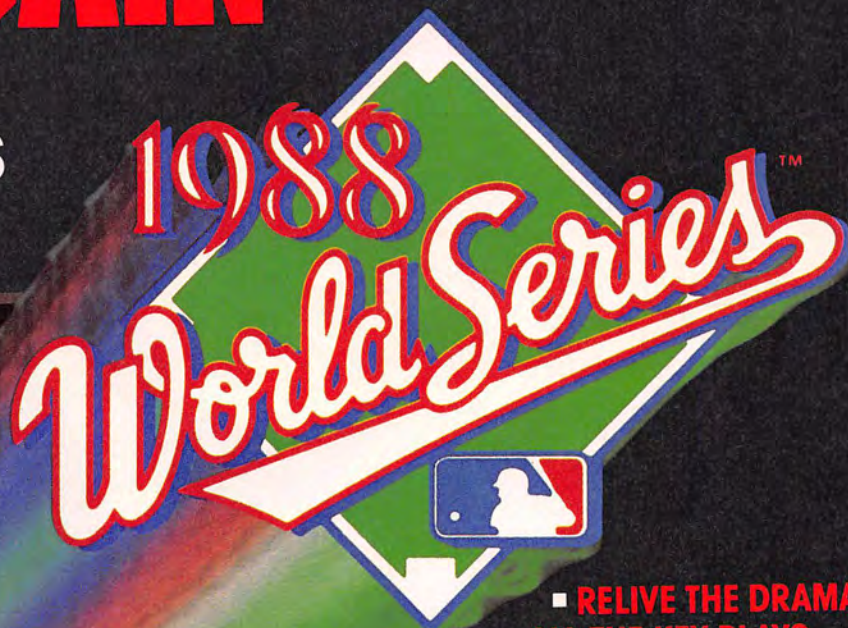
"The other scouts in Camilo's area didn't like Canseco," said Dick Wienczek, then the Oakland scouting director, "and the scouting bureau had nothing on him. But Camilo pulled bills out of his pocket and said, 'I like him so much I'll give him my own money.'"

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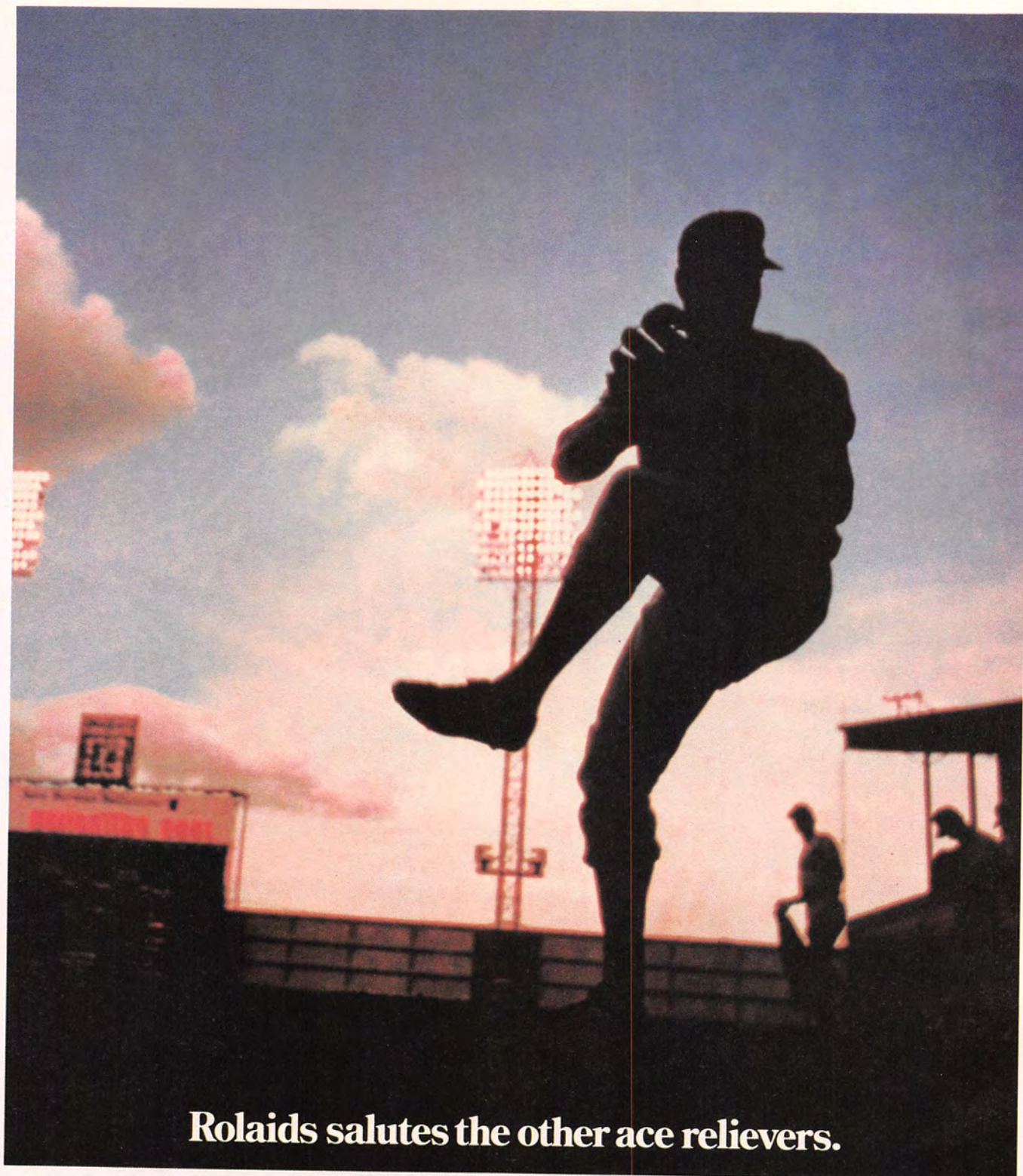
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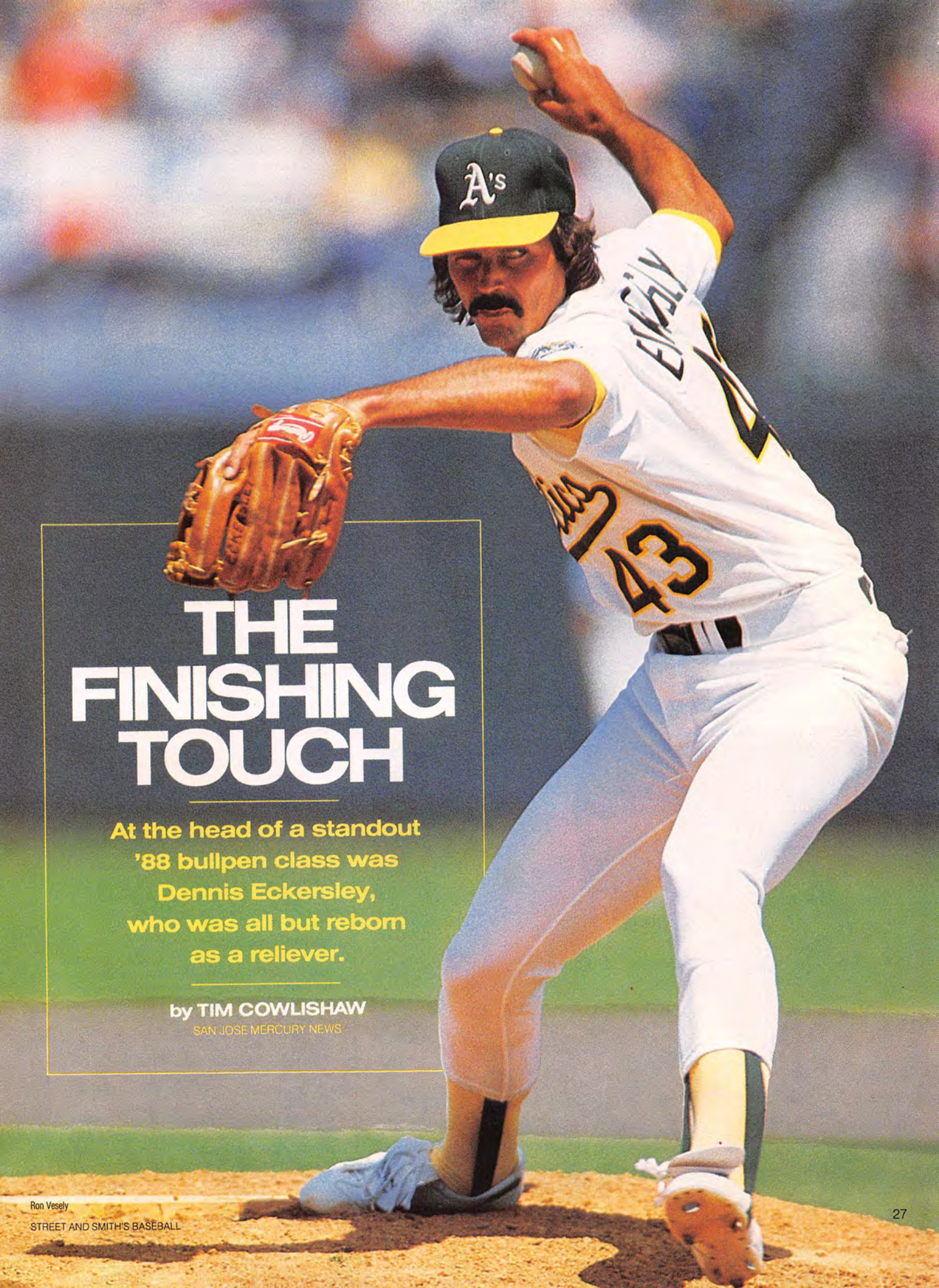


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THE FINISHING TOUCH

At the head of a standout
'88 bullpen class was
Dennis Eckersley,
who was all but reborn
as a reliever.

by TIM COWLISHAW
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

THE FINISHING TOUCH

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JOHN FRANCO

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Consider the changes that baseball has undergone since the early days of the 20th century. You can compile a list as long as a Darryl Strawberry home run... or a Kirk Gibson home-run trot. Night games, coast-to-coast air travel, 162-game schedules, expansion, the slider, the split-finger fastball, free agency, arbitration, Astroturf—all had no more of a place in the game in the early 1900s than a high five. But any proper analysis of the differences between baseball in 1908 and 1988 can begin in one place: the advent of the relief specialist. In no way has the game changed more dramatically than in the bullpen, once the habitat of castoffs but now an indispensable part of a successful staff.

Unconvinced? Well, you could look it up. The first decade of this century came and went without a single pitcher recording 10 saves. It was in 1911 that Mordecai Peter Centennial Brown, "Three Finger" to his friends, earned 13 saves for the Chicago Cubs. Brown was hardly a relief specialist, though. He won 21 games, pitched 270 innings, and completed 21 of 27 starts that season in addition to making 26 relief appearances.

Not until 1926 did a true specialist appear. That was when Washington's Firpo Marberry made a practice of finishing games for Walter Johnson and became the first pitcher to record 20 saves (he had 22). Thirty-nine years later, the 30-save barrier was broken by Ted Abernathy, who raised some eyebrows in what was otherwise a typically unnewsworthy summer for the Cubs. He was the first of three pitchers in the 1960s with 30 saves.

The bullpen came into prominence in the next decade, when 13 relievers saved at least 30 games. Three pitchers (San Diego's Rollie Fingers, Pittsburgh's Kent Tekulve, and Mike Marshall with Montreal and Minnesota) did it twice. Yet what might have seemed remarkable in the 1970s pales in comparison with what has taken place in this decade. With one year to go in the eighties, there have been 45 30-save seasons recorded; 1988 featured an all-time high of eight.

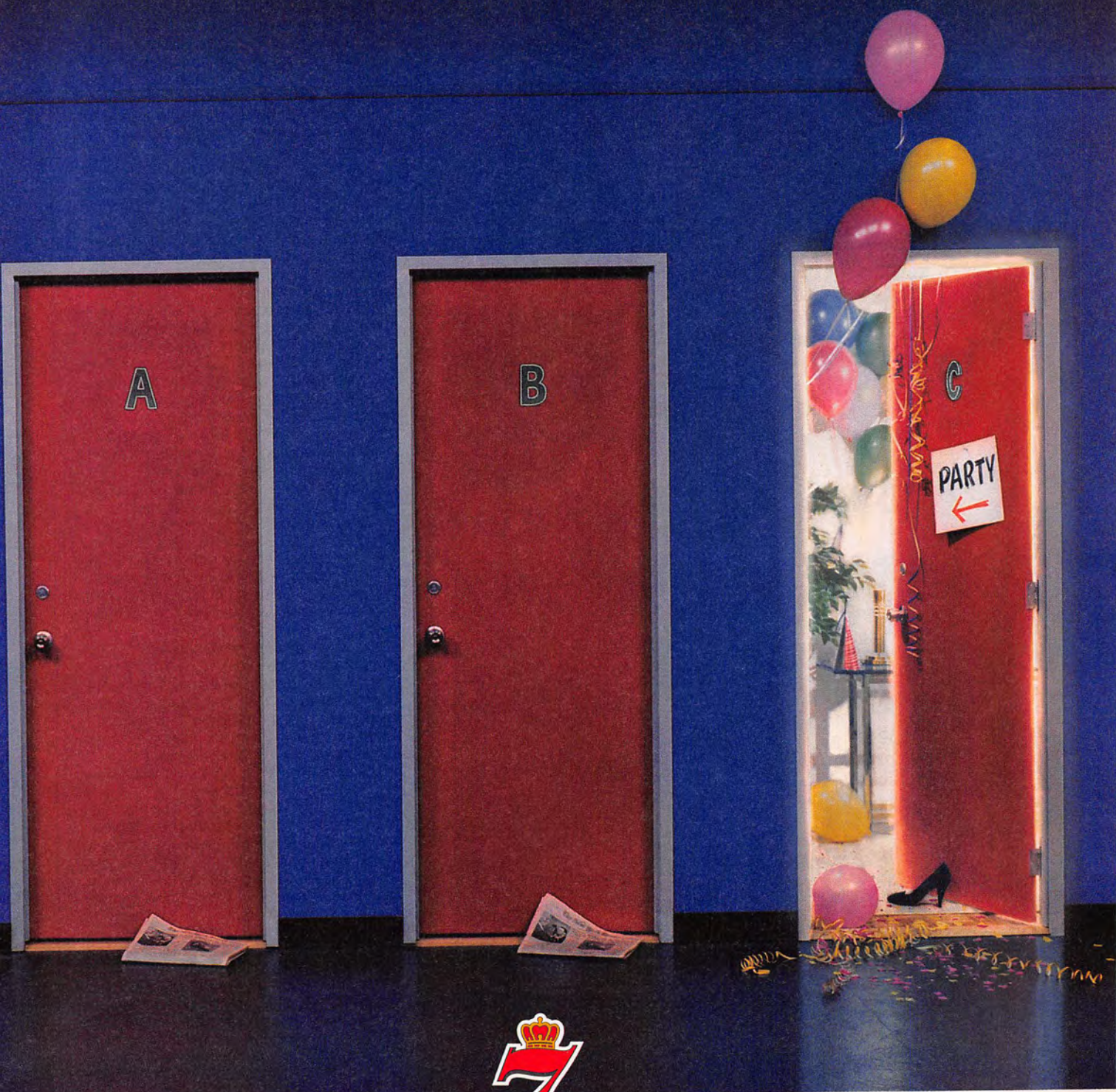
One of the things that made 1988 so special was the number of new faces (and arms) that emerged. Actually some weren't so new to the game but were newcomers to the bullpen. Of the eight pitchers who saved at least 30 games, five did it for the first time. Even more interesting, four of those five did not have 30 saves in their entire careers prior to 1988.

DENNIS ECKERSLEY

At the head of the bullpen class a year ago was Oakland's Dennis Eckersley, who was all but reborn as a reliever. A starter since breaking in with Cleveland in 1975, Eckersley saved 16 games for the A's in 1987 after assuming the stopper's role. Last year he had 45 saves, falling one shy of the record the Yankees' Dave Righetti established in 1986. The others who more than doubled their career outputs last season were Chicago's Bobby Thigpen (34 in 1988, 23 prior to that), Pittsburgh's Jim Gott (34, 16), and Cleveland's Doug Jones (37, 9). Milwaukee's Dan Plesac recorded 30 saves for the first time, while three other pitchers repeated as 30-save men: Minnesota's

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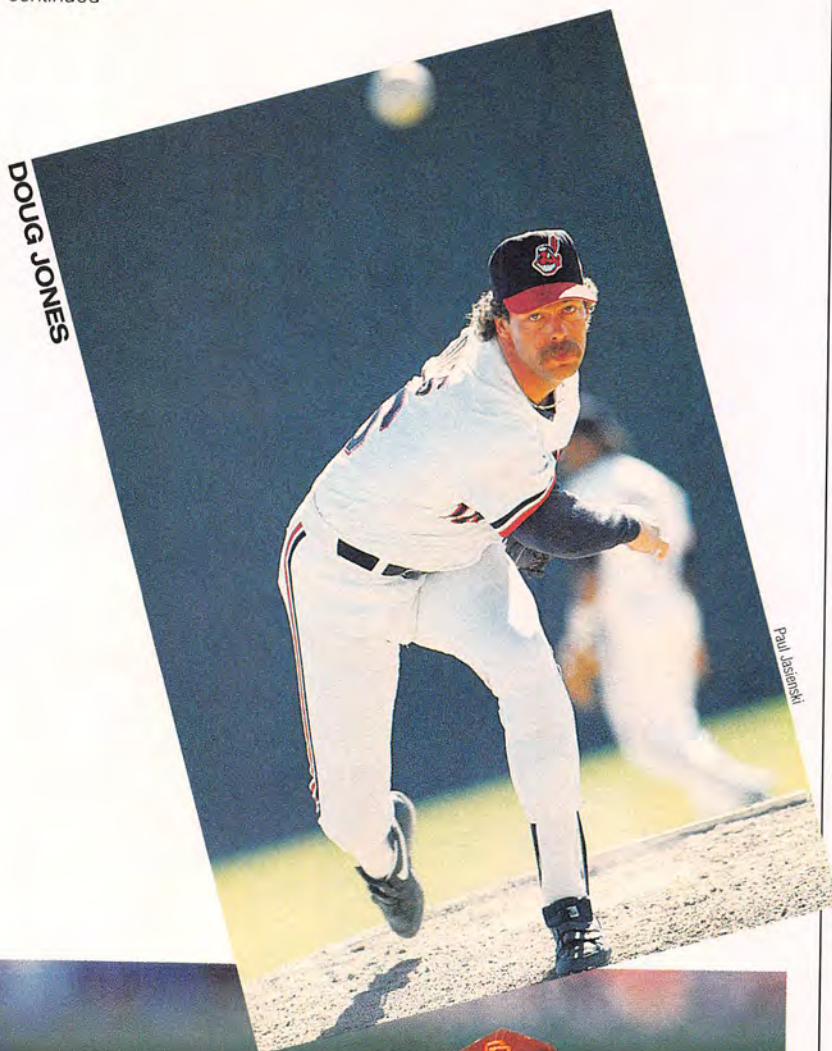
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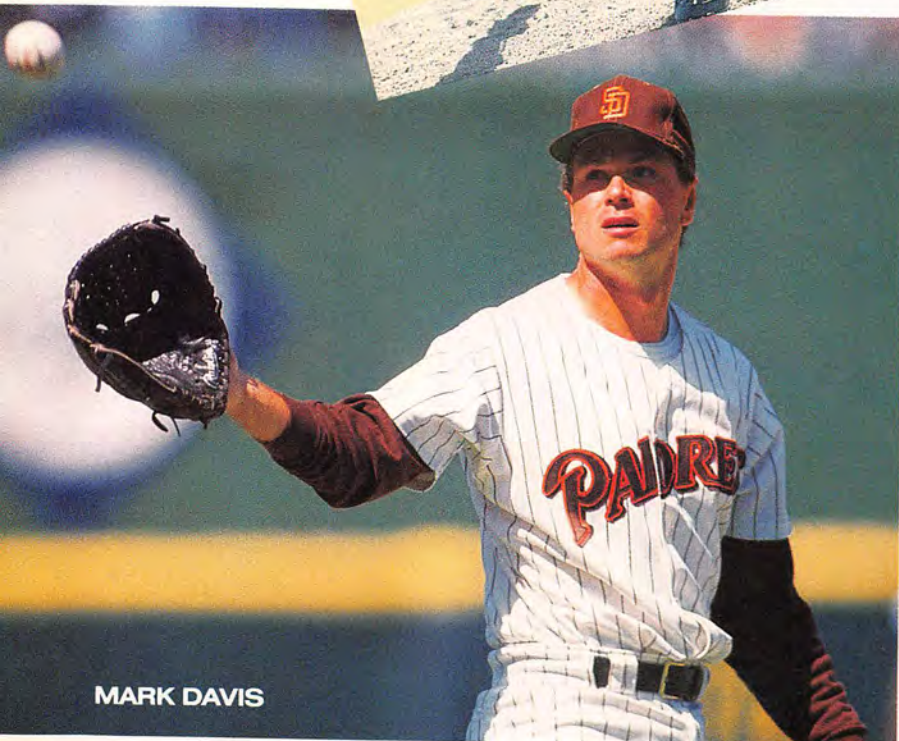
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Jeff Reardon (42), Cincinnati's John Franco (39), and St. Louis's Todd Worrell (32).

While those eight relievers were essential to their clubs, other bullpens thrived without the presence of a 30-save man. The N.L. playoffs featured the two teams with the most saves in the league. The New York Mets (46) relied primarily on the left-right combination of Randy Myers (26 saves) and Roger McDowell (16), with the hard-throwing lefty, Myers, the more unhittable. Just ask the San Francisco Giants, who are 0-for-30 lifetime against him.

The attention surrounding the World Series champion Dodgers focused on Orel Hershisser and Gibson, but without a vastly improved bullpen, manager Tommy Lasorda never would have been able to make the postseason his stage. Los Angeles led the National League with 49 saves and a 2.35 earned-run average and tied the Montreal Expos with 27 victories in relief.

"They never received the due credit for what they accomplished during the season," said Lasorda. "A year ago when I was driving to the ballpark, I would wonder who I was going to bring in in the seventh or eighth inning if I needed to make a change. This year I knew who I was going to bring in. I've said it before: bullpens win pennants."

The Dodgers restocked their pen via a trade with the A's and the Mets, and in 1988, Lasorda turned most often to Jay Howell (21 saves in his first year in L.A.), Alejandro Pena (12), and Jesse Orosco (9). But in the playoffs after Howell was suspended, the Dodgers' bullpen depth became even more evident when Brian Holton and Ricky Horton got key outs in Games 4 and 5 at Shea Stadium when Los Angeles turned the series around.

If the Dodgers didn't supply enough evidence of the importance of solid relief pitching in the playoffs, then Oakland surely did in its sweep of the Boston Red Sox. Eckersley was named the Most Valuable Player of the A.L.C.S. after saving all four games and allowing just one hit in six shutout innings of relief. Unfortunately for him and the A's, Eckersley had just one meaningful appearance in the World Series. In that, he was beaten by Gibson's dramatic home run.

"Somebody's got to be the hero and somebody's got to be the goat," said Eckersley several days after his Game 1 defeat. "The easiest thing in the world is to have success. The toughest thing is to handle failure."

Eckersley wasn't coping so well with failure in the spring of 1987. Coming off a 6-11 season with the Chicago Cubs in which he had finished just one of his 32 starts, he was clearly in need of some kind of change. Oakland traded for him just before the start of the season, but the big change didn't come until the latter part of that year, when elbow surgery forced his former A's teammate Jay Howell to the sidelines. Eckersley, who made only one relief appearance since 1976, saved 13 games after the All-Star break.

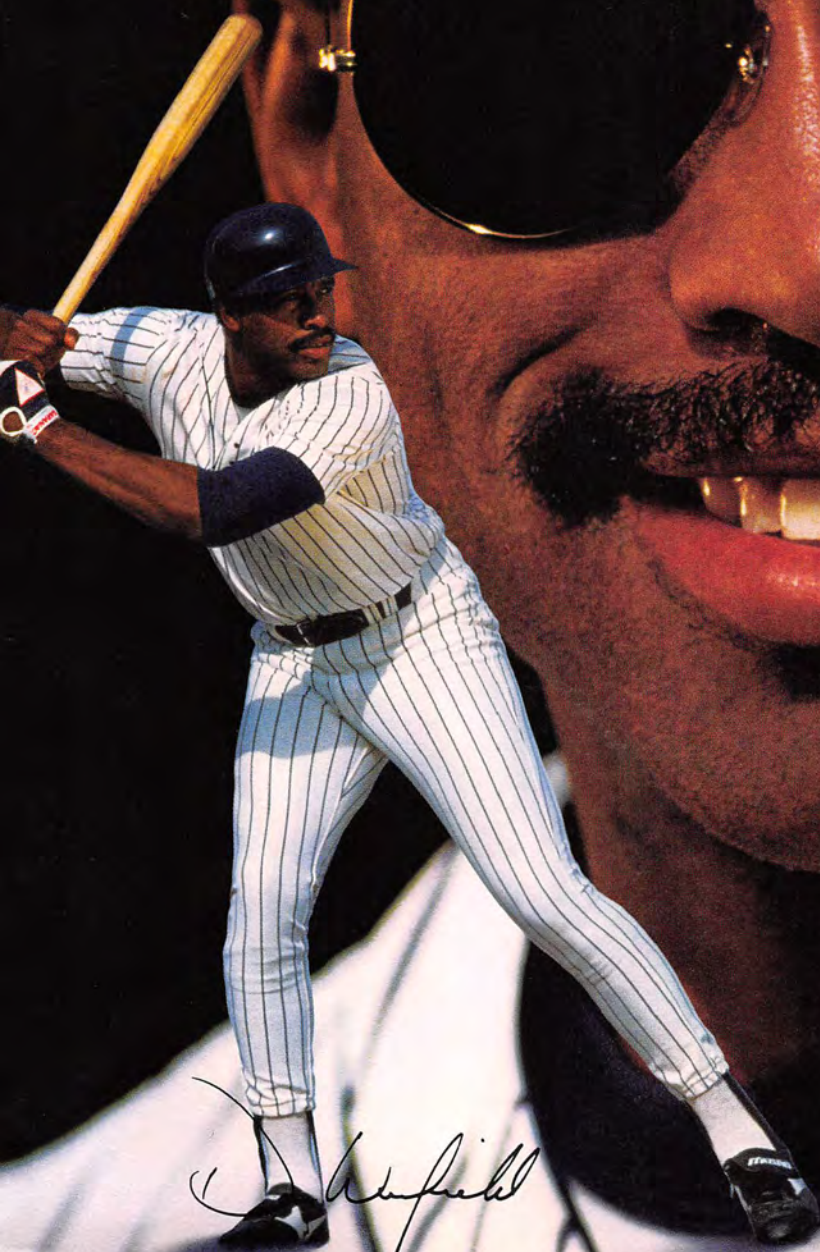
While manager Tony LaRussa and pitching coach Dave Duncan look like geniuses in retrospect, they were actually satisfied with the way Eckersley was performing in long relief. Only Howell's injury opened the door for Eck-

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ersley to start earning his living in the ninth inning. The unique pressure that he and all closers face, where one pitch can end the game, is what makes these specialists so valuable. And so hard to come by.

"You're either great or you stink," Eckersley said. "I don't think anybody ever learns to put up with that pressure, but what are you going to do, slit your wrists? It's a lonely feeling out there, believe me. You get a lot of eyes in the clubhouse looking at you when you don't do your job. The job seems to be so easy. ... until you fail."

That Eckersley seems acquainted with failure has little to do with 1988. He saved nine games in as many opportunities in April, then was on his way. He reached 30 saves on July 22, faster than any reliever ever, and gave up only one game-winning homer during the regular season (to Seattle's Steve Balboni). His control was clearly what made him so outstanding—just nine unintentional walks in 72½ innings. And he earned a place in baseball history by becoming the first pitcher to record 40 saves 10 years after winning 20 games. Eckersley said that the more recent achievement meant more to him, "because I appreciate baseball and awards so much more now. This means a lot."

JOHN FRANCO

If Eckersley was baseball's dominant reliever in 1988, there were others who deserved equal time. Cincinnati's John Franco was the National League's Fireman of the Year, although his start was nothing like Eckersley's. At the end of June, due to a lack of save opportunities with the Reds, Franco stood 11th in the rankings. But he collected a record 13 saves in July and 30 in all from July 1 through the end of the season. Franco squandered only three of his 42 opportunities, and his late-season surge was perhaps the biggest reason the Reds rebounded from a slow start to finish second in their division for a fourth straight time.

Minnesota's Jeff Reardon became the first pitcher to save 40 games in each league (he had 41 for Montreal in 1985). He converted 42 of his 50 opportunities for the Twins last year to finish second to Eckersley in the A.L. standings. But at least two other league pitchers might have challenged Eckersley had they played for stronger clubs: Bobby Thigpen of the White Sox and Doug Jones of the Indians.

BOBBY THIGPEN

Thigpen, just three years removed from Mississippi State, where his College World Series teammates included the Giants' Will Clark and the Rangers' Rafael Palmeiro, broke the White Sox save record of 32 set by Bob James in 1985. With five wins and 34 saves, he figured prominently in 55 percent of his team's victories, the highest percentage in the majors. Not bad for a guy who spent most of his college days in right field.

"I didn't pitch until I was a senior. Even then, I started all 68 games in right field and I think I came in to relieve in 20," said Thigpen. "Those 40 innings were the first I had thrown since high school. My claim to fame in college was that I outthit Palmeiro my senior year [.309 to .300]. With the White Sox I really just took advantage of a break. Bob James got hurt in

'86 and they brought me up on a trial basis."

The jury came to a quick verdict on Thigpen: he could pitch. Unfortunately, the White Sox wasted time in '87 by sending him to Hawaii, where he was tried as a starter.

"What I couldn't stand was having to sit around and think about your last start for four days. I hated the inactivity of starting," Thigpen said. "The hardest thing about being a reliever is dealing with failure, but even then, you might get a chance to pitch the next day. The best part about it is when you get on a roll. You get that feeling when you walk out there that the game is over and you're going to win."

Breaking his club's save record came as something of a surprise to Thigpen.

"I really didn't expect it because I had no control over how many games we could win. I wanted to lower my ERA last year, which I didn't do, and I wanted to improve on my saves, which I did. I think I needed two going into the last 10 games, and I was able to get those plus two more," he said. "When I go to spring training, I'll just tell the writers that I hope to break it again this year."

If the White Sox can improve on their team .303 on-base percentage (last in the A.L.), he may get the chance.

DOUG JONES

As good as Thigpen was, perhaps the most remarkable relief story unfolded last season in Cleveland, where the 31-year old Jones came almost from out of nowhere to save 37 games. Check the Indians' 1988 press guide and you will find Jones in the back with the other "spring invitees"—among Turner Gill, Ron Mathis, and Paul Zuvella. In fact, Jones admitted that he nearly left the club's Tucson camp bound for Colorado Springs, not Cleveland.

"We were getting ready to leave and [manager] Doc Edwards told me to keep my stuff off the truck," Jones said. "He told me I needed to go out and show what I could do because the front office hadn't seen me do anything well enough to make the club. I thought that was kind of funny since Hank Peters [from Baltimore] was the new general manager and I had saved back-to-back games against the Orioles the year before. I thought they would have noticed that."

Jones did make management notice him those final days of the spring to earn a spot on the Indians, but he didn't inherit the stopper's role immediately. "No one was getting any saves because we had all those complete games early in the year," said Jones. "Then I just happened to be getting up later in the games. Things kind of worked out that way."

Once Cleveland's starters stopped going the distance, Jones took over. He set a major-league record with saves in 15 consecutive appearances, an achievement that led to his first all-star appearance.

"I didn't even know there was a streak until people started telling me about it," Jones said. "I had no idea they kept a record for that. I still don't think that much of it. What Willie Hernandez did a few years ago [32 saves in 33 opportunities for Detroit in 1984] is a lot more impressive to me."

But there were few relievers who worked as hard in 1988 as Jones. In 17 of his 37 saves he pitched at least two innings. Among the eight 30-save men, only Thigpen (13) and Worrell

(10) were forced to go two innings 10 or more times. Reardon did it three times.

"That just spoke about the club we had," said Jones. "We had some good arms, but we had some other guys who had some doubts about themselves. I'd like to see that change. I don't see why we can't get a left-handed stopper, too. I wouldn't mind being the middle man, but that's up to the club."

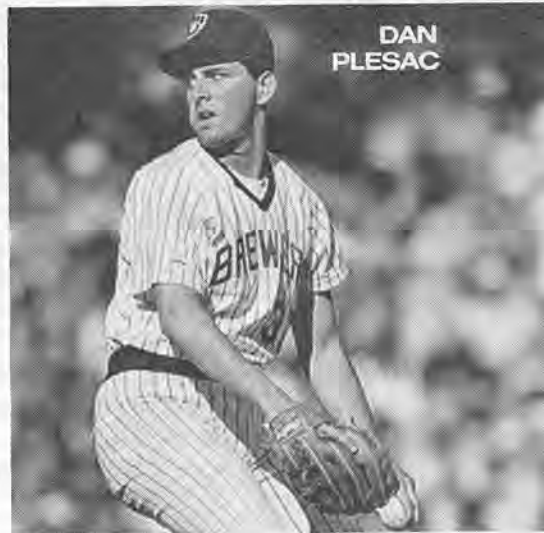
Given Jones's success, it's hard to imagine the Indians tinkering with his role. It's difficult enough to find someone who is both good at his job and capable of handling the mental aspects of the role, a feature that Jones minimizes. "Being a short man is great. Every time you go out there, it's like a workout. You don't tear your arm down," Jones said. "You seem to get stronger as the year goes on."

MARK DAVIS

Others who once shied away from the bullpen are coming into agreement with Jones. Pittsburgh's Jim Gott never quite made it as a starter with San Francisco, but he surely discovered his niche in the Pirates' bullpen last year, where he saved nine games in September alone. Another ex-Giant, San Diego's Mark Davis, shuffled for years between starting and middle and short relief. In 1988, he led the Padres with 27 saves and was so effective that the club deemed Lance McCullers, their right-handed closer, expendable following the season, packaging him in a trade for the Yankees' Jack Clark.

"I never really stayed in one role before. I was never a starter long enough to be consistent," Davis said. "The only thing I really concentrate on doing now is throwing the first pitch for a strike and getting the first batter out. That's all I try to do. The biggest difference between starting and relief is that a hitter gets four at-bats against a starter—so he can see all of his pitches. More often than not, he's just going to get one at-bat against me. Starters have to mix it up a little more, think about setting up a hitter for his next at-bat. The other big difference is that as a starter you can be the goat or the hero, then you don't do anything the next four days. As a reliever, you might redeem yourself the next day."

Wonder if that's the same philosophy that kept Firpo Marberry going 60 years ago.



DAN PLESAC



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last season in the bullpen.

"He was like a man in waiting," McIlvaine said. "But he had already pitched as a middle and late reliever in the minors and he had handled those roles before. It wasn't a case where you stick him out in the bullpen and tell him to wait until someone gets hurt. We had planned to use him in those roles and we thought he could be effective. But ultimately we felt his best role would be as a starter."

When Rick Aguilera went down with an arm ailment after only two starts, Cone moved into the rotation and became the Mets' best pitcher, compiling a 20-3 record and a 2.22 earned-run average. Myers registered 26 saves, a 7-3 record, and a 1.72 ERA. Elster batted only .214, but he hit nine home runs and two of them won games. He also performed as expected defensively.

As well as those young players did, though, the crown jewel in the Mets' transition is Gregg Jefferies, a 21-year-old switch-hitting infielder who was summoned last year, like Elster in '86, in time for postseason play.

"We did that with two purposes in mind," McIlvaine related. "We wanted to have him for the postseason and we wanted to get him ready for '89. We didn't want to put him in over his head. The hardest part was asking him to play second base when he had played less than 10 games [there] in the minor leagues. We gambled that this kid was such a good athlete that he'd be able to do it, and he did. You hate to do that to a kid, ask him to do something that he's not prepared enough for. But he's been an infielder all his life, and second base is not all that different."

"We thought if he could perform to his offensive capabilities, he would probably make us a better ball club for the playoffs. We also wanted to take a good look at him to see if he would need more seasoning for the following year or if he was going to come up, make his presence felt, and have a chance to make the club [in 1989]."

Was the Mets' question answered? "I'd say so," McIlvaine said. "It would be very surprising if he were on his way to Tidewater in April."

In 29 regular-season games with the Mets, Jefferies batted .321, hit six home runs, and drove in 17 runs. In his brief visit, he had one four-hit game and five three-hit games.

REBUILDING OF THE PIRATES

The Mets engineered their transition from strength. The Pirates had to do it in weakness.

"I had nothing to lose and everything to gain," Syd Thrift said of the moves he made with young players. "I knew it could be done. I had confidence."

Thrift began changing the Pirates' inept guard in November, 1986, acquiring Doug Drabek from the New York Yankees primarily for Rick Rhoden, a veteran pitcher. The following April he sent Tony Pena, the veteran catcher, to St. Louis for Andy Van Slyke, a platoon outfielder; Mike LaValliere, an underused catcher; and Mike Dunne, a rookie pitcher. Later in the 1987 season, he traded Johnny Ray, a veteran second baseman, to California and Don Robinson and Rick Reuschel, veteran pitchers, to San Francisco. One of the players he got in return was Jeff Robinson, a young relief pitcher. His critics accused Thrift of dumping the team's largest salaries, but he had other ideas.

The new guard, which also included Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla, began flexing its muscles in the last six weeks of that season, then erupted in a burst of youthful energy last year, challenging the Mets until running out of fuel the last six weeks of the season. One who played an integral role in the chase was Jose Lind, who was the reason Thrift traded Ray to the Angels the year before.

Explaining his decision to trade Ray and open the spot for Lind, Thrift said, "I made two trips to Vancouver to see Lind, and I could see improvement from early in the season to mid-season. There was no doubt in my mind that he could play in the big leagues. I was just trying to wait until the end of [Vancouver's] season. That was the toughest thing I had to do in Pittsburgh, to wait for him. It was very tempting to try him sooner."

Lind replaced Ray, Walt Weiss replaced Alfredo Griffin in Oakland, Andres Galarraga picked up the slack left in the Expos' offense by the defection of Andre Dawson, Fred McGriff replaced Willie Upshaw in Toronto, Chris Sabo supplanted Buddy Bell in Cincinnati, Tim Belcher took Bob Welch's spot in Los Angeles, Paul O'Neill replaced Dave Parker in Cincinnati, Damon Berryhill replaced Jody Davis with the Cubs in Chicago, where Mark Grace made Leon Durham expendable, Melido Perez and Jack McDowell replaced Floyd Bannister and Richard Dotson in the Chicago White Sox pitching rotation.

The change from veteran to youngster

doesn't always work. McDowell was a disappointment last season with his 5-10 record. Luis Alicea (.212) was a bust in trying to replace Tom Herr as the St. Louis Cardinals' second baseman. And even the Red Sox, for all of their success, have had some failures. Sam Horn, a terrific Triple A hitter, batted .148, hit only two homers and drove in eight runs in 24 games before being demoted to the minors. Jeff Sellers, whom the Red Sox had counted on for their rotation, staggered to a 1-7 record amid a pair of disabling injuries.

As McIlvaine said, even the best prospects don't bring guarantees to the major leagues. Nevertheless, on balance these have been good times for young players and their teams.

"The last three years were very good years for young players coming to the big leagues," McIlvaine said. "But right now position players around the minor leagues are not all that strong. Pitchers around the minors, on the other hand, are very strong."

That should be a welcome development for pitching-poor teams, of which there are many in the majors. They would only be too happy to undertake a transition from mediocre veterans to promising young pitchers. Just how that new guard will compare with the new guard already in place is a matter for interesting scrutiny. The coming crop, though, has a tough task facing it.

"Some time," McIlvaine said, "you might go back and check '86 and '87 and find it was the best two-year crop there ever has been."

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Canseco signed for a \$10,000 bonus (out of the A's pocket), but for a couple of seasons that sum appeared to be considerably too generous. He showed a hint of promise in 1984, hitting .276 with 15 home runs and 73 runs batted in at Modesto of the Class A California League. But no one (except maybe Pascual) seemed ready for what happened in 1985, when he hit .349 with 29 homers and 93 RBIs in just 67 games at Huntsville of the Class AA Southern Association and Tacoma of the AAA Pacific Coast League.

"The way he's come on has been amazing," said Tacoma manager Keith Lieppman. "It hasn't been little by little; it's been abrupt. He's really turned it on."

The next season, Canseco was not only in the majors, he was chosen for the All-Star game (although manager Dick Howser didn't play him). And he wound up as American League Rookie of the Year after hitting 33 home runs and driving in 117 runs. His sophomore season was only slightly less spectacular (31 home runs, 113 RBIs), but his accomplishments were somewhat obscured by the exploits of the A's other young superstar, Mark McGwire, who hit 49 homers.

Canseco served notice early in 1988 that he wouldn't yield the No. 1 role to anyone, not even to a friend and teammate like fellow Bruise Brother (and fellow forearm basher) McGwire. Canseco announced during spring training that he'd be sticking with a conventional, relatively upright batting stance. Which was particularly welcome news to the A's hitting coaches, who used to fidget while he changed stances more often than some politicians.

"I tended to jump at the ball, and this stance keeps me from doing that," he said. "I'm seeing the ball a little better, feeling more comfortable. I really want to keep my movement to a minimum, and keep it consistent."

Three weeks into the season, Canseco dropped an even bigger bombshell.

"I think I can hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases this year," he said. "I'm going to go for it. And if I fall short, I am going to shoot for it in the near future. Because I do have the ability to do it. I'm just finding out more and more what I can do. Hitting 40 homers is going to be the hardest part [because of] the way the ball carries in Oakland. No one can tell me the Coliseum doesn't take away 10 or 15 home runs a season from an everyday player. If I were playing in any other ballpark, say Texas, 40-40 would be an every-year event."

Canseco later admitted that, while he certainly doesn't lack confidence, he might not have been quite so bold if he'd known nobody ever had achieved 40-40. And since he had just eight homers and steals when he made his pronouncement, some thought his goal was ridiculous.

His teammates were not among the scoffers. "He's got the athletic ability to put up the most unbelievable numbers people have ever seen," said infielder Mike Gallego. "I think he has the potential to break all the records meant to be broken. I'm dead serious."

When he finally stole his 40th base, in Milwaukee on September 23, the other A's spontaneously came to the edge of the dugout and began to applaud. "You see a lot of stuff," manager Tony LaRussa said. "But how many times do you see history made?"

Canseco seemed almost more relieved than elated. "I didn't want to have to go through the season, end up short and say I stuck my foot in my mouth," he said.

There were several more appearances on center stage just ahead—not all of them pleasant. Before the American League playoffs began, Tom Boswell of the *Washington Post* implied in an interview that the 6-3, 230-pound Canseco's Greek god physique was more the result of steroids than good genes and hard work.

Canseco reacted angrily at first, saying Boswell's remarks caused him and his family "tremendous distress and damage." He added, "I have respect for my body. I take care of myself. I wasn't always this big—I was skinny, slow, and weak. But I worked my way up to

If Canseco decided to swing for base hits, he could challenge for the batting title, said Tony LaRussa.

this. I didn't just go home and lie on my butt and eat Latin food and gain weight."

Typically, he was able to put the body-building brouhaha with Boswell quickly behind him. When Fenway Park hecklers chanted "Ster-oids, Ster-oids" during the first two games of the playoffs, Canseco just flexed his Popeye-style muscles and bantered with them. He then went on to tie George Brett's A.L.C.S. record with three homers in the A's four-game sweep.

"He's my MVP for the season," A's teammate Don Baylor said, "regardless of what he does from here on out."

What he did from there on out, in the World Series, reflected what the A's did: not much. Canseco drilled a grand-slam homer to dead center in Game 1 at Dodger Stadium, but it was to be his only Series hit in 19 at-bats. He pressed badly in many of his plate appearances and Oakland went down in five games.

Canseco—no surprise—found solace in perspective. "I'm not going to lose sleep over this," he said. "I know we gave 100 percent. Maybe it just wasn't our year, no matter what we would have done out there. Maybe I'd be disappointed if we were in the World Series year in, year out and we never did win it. But everybody is really enthused over the improvement we made from '86 to now, so I don't really think there's a down side to losing the World Series."

Two much more pleasant developments were just a few weeks away. In late October, Canseco married 21-year-old Esther Haddad, and in the process picked up a \$10,000 wedding present from teammate Dave Stewart. Why was Stewart so generous? At the start of 1988 spring training, Canseco said he'd met the right woman and was engaged. Stewart, who had heard that story a couple of times before, snickered. He wagered the big bucks that the marriage would never happen.

"It was a sucker bet," Canseco said not long before his nuptials. "I knew I was going to get married. I love kids. . . I want to have kids. I

don't want to wait until I'm 50 to have them; I'd like to have them when I'm 26 or 27, so the generation gap won't be so great that we don't understand each other."

Stewart's ten grand did take the newlyweds to Hawaii, which is where Canseco was when he was notified in mid-November that he had become only the seventh American League player ever to win the Most Valuable Player Award unanimously and the first since the A's Reggie Jackson in 1973. He said he was surprised and excited by his landslide victory, and then he almost immediately started looking ahead, to 1989 and beyond.

"Some people would like to think I've gone as far as I can go," he said. "But when you start to think that way, that's where you defeat yourself. I want to cut down on my strikeouts, and I know I can hit for a higher average. I think I can hit .320 or .330. And I want to be a smarter player, too."

LaRussa agrees Canseco is capable of hitting .330. "And if he decided to make every swing a base-hit swing [rather than trying to send the ball into orbit] he'd be capable of challenging for the batting title." LaRussa thinks Canseco's potential is more or less unlimited on several other fronts, too.

"He's so amazing as a home-run hitter," the manager said, "that if he made consistent contact and the ball was carrying, he might do something that's never been done. Defensively, he could become outstanding in right field or could play well in center [he has made huge improvements in his throwing and glove work]. But more than anything else, this guy likes to have the game on the line. He's not afraid at all of being in the pressure situation. That's where his potential is the greatest."

Canseco, obviously, is one of America's hottest properties at the moment: handsome, talented, world at his feet. "I call him a modern-day Hercules," said Jeffrey Borris of the Beverly Hills Sports Council, who is paid to call him nice things since he's one of Canseco's agents. Jose has done endorsements for Toyota and American Express, including a print ad with an Annie Liebowitz photograph that shows him barechested.

Esther says she isn't upset by that revealing pose: "He's going to be a sex symbol, and that makes me feel good in a way. The women will fantasize but that's all they can do. I have the real stuff. He comes home to me."

The Canseco camp will go slow on commercial opportunities—because that's the way he wants it. "I'm looking for quality, not quantity," said Jose, "and not too much of anything. I'm not really the type for promotion or publicity. I'm a quiet person and I enjoy my privacy a lot. Mostly it's enough for me to deal with baseball and to keep establishing myself in this game, keep making a name for myself."

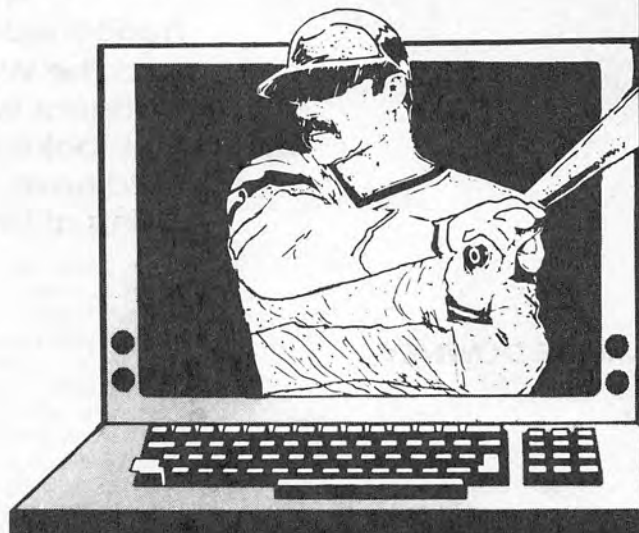
Given all the evidence so far, there is little to suggest that all the recent acclaim will change Canseco much in any way except in the size of his contract, which likely will now be measured in millions rather than the \$355,000 he earned in his monster 1988 season.

"I'm happy with my life the way it is," he said. "I don't reach for things I can't have. I don't need things that other people may need to be happy."

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A funny thing happened on the way to the World Series. The Dodgers won it with a lineup that looked as though it would have had trouble winning at Williamsport.

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Some lineup, eh? Speed. Power. Defense. You name it. Go on, name it. The Dodgers didn't have it, but go on, name it.

The Dodgers didn't have a Murderers' Row. They had more of a Petty Larceners' Row. Dodger fans didn't need Homer Hankies. They needed Hit by Pitch Hankies. The Dodgers didn't win ugly. They won grotesquely. No Gas House Gang, they were more of a Gas Leak Gang. The Dodger motto wasn't You Gotta Believe. It was You Ain't Never Gonna Believe This.

A funny thing happened to the Los Angeles Dodgers on the way to the 1988 World Series. They won the damn thing. They won it with a lineup that looked as though it might have had trouble winning the World Series at Williams-

port. It was a lineup that would not have intimidated Taiwan. It was a lineup only a mother could love. Heck, it was a lineup only a mother could stand. Night after night, though, the Dodgers bravely went out there, with their bowling-average batting averages and their understudy-replaces-the-star cast and those sickly little bodies of theirs, and somehow they licked the healthiest-looking bunch of ball players you have ever seen, the Oakland A's. It was the Athletics against the Arthritics. It was a team full of Li'l Abners against a team full of Little Orphan Annies. The Bash Brothers vs. the Bangladesh Brothers. It was a club full of sluggers opposing a bunch of hitters who sprayed the ball to all parts of the infield.

We all figured Los Angeles could take Oakland four times in a series—but only if the series was best-of-17. After all, what did the Dodgers have? They had Orel Hershisser and Pray for Smog. They had a bunch of guys Oakland couldn't even use anymore—Alfredo Griffin and Mike Davis and Jay Howell. And what did the Athletics have? They had Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, Dave Parker, Dave Henderson, and a bunch of other guys who looked like furniture movers. Canseco had bats bigger than Hershisser. Have you seen those bashes the A's were always giving each other with their forearms? Had anybody ever bashed Hershisser that way, he would have gone flying through the air like Bob Beamon. As the Dodger pitcher himself would say later on, on the day he won the Cy Young Award as the National League's top pitcher, in fact, "I look like a guy who works in a flour factory."

And yet Orel Leonard Hershisser IV, this Bible-slinging, hymn-singing son of a rich father, kept throwing the baseball past the mighty Athletics until they all looked like Casey. He turned them into hitless wonders. Orel put the big O in Oakland, shutting them out in 16 of the 18 World Series innings he worked. He gave up a total of seven hits—all singles. He struck out 17. He even outthit them himself,

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going 1,000 for the Series, 3-for-3, which gave him as many hits as Carney Lansford and Parker had, and more hits than Canseco and McGwire had combined, and those guys all played in three more games than Hershiser did. The A's as a team batted .177 in the Series. Any hit Oakland got in an Orel victory was a moral victory.

It was this pitching staff of theirs, Bulldog and his bullpen, that kept this broken-down ball club, the Dodgers, from unraveling at the seams. That's what manager Tommy Lasorda started calling Hershiser—Bulldog, which, when it comes to appropriate nicknames, was sort of like referring to Pee-wee Herman as Butch, or Danny DeVito as Too Tall. Hershiser looks more like a bullfrog than a bulldog. Still, he did dig right in there, pawing the dirt in front of the pitching rubber, splashing himself in the face with water, burying enemy bats like bones. Funny how, before Game 5, Oakland manager Tony LaRussa told the TV boys: "I think we're going to give Mr. Hershiser fits tonight." Yeah, sure. Bulldog padded out there and did his stupid pet tricks, and all the A's could do was go out with a whimper. Hershiser wasn't spending the night in the doghouse. He was on his way to the White House.

Most Valuable Player of the National League Championship Series, MVP of the World Series, Cy Young Award recipient, Hershiser made off with just about everything there was for a pitcher to win, except maybe the award for relievers. He even made a brief bid for that one, by appearing in relief in a playoff game against the New York Mets.

Few pitchers have gotten on a roll of the kind Hershiser did last season. The only greater rolls we can think of belonged to Mickey Lolich, Wilbur Wood, and Rick Reuschel, and theirs were around their belts. Hershiser, who is built like a left-field foul pole, spent the final portion of the regular season hurling 59 consecutive scoreless innings, eclipsing Don Drysdale's record, in rehearsal for what he would do during the postseason, where he pitched up right where he left off. One man does not a World Series champion make, but Hershiser came close. He was the Dodger dart. He was a nice guy who finished first.

O.K., he didn't do it alone.

Where would the Dodgers have been without Kirk Gibson's classic contribution to the Fall Classic, the home run he pulverized as a pinch hitter in the ninth inning of Game 1, when Gibson came limping out of the dugout like a gorilla in the mist, ran the count full against 1988's most successful relief pitcher, Dennis Eckersley, then one-handed a two-run dinger to win the game, 5-4? No wonder Dodger coach Mark Cresse immediately dashed into the clubhouse screaming, "Roy Hobbs! Roy Hobbs! Roy Hobbs!"

Or, where would the Dodgers have been without Mike Scioscia's dramatic home run against the Mets, in Game 4 of the National League Championship Series, when Scioscia sent one out of the park in the ninth inning against Doc Gooden and kept the Dodgers alive long enough for Hershiser to enter the game in relief in the 12th

inning and gain the save in another 5-4 victory? Without that

homer, the Dodgers would have fallen behind the Mets, 3 games to 1. And don't forget, New York already had beaten the Dodgers 10 out of 11 during the regular season. Dodger confidence would have been totally shot.

Of course, where would the Dodgers have been without goofy Mickey Hatcher, who came to their rescue at first base and in left field, and gave the team a unique sort of wacky inspiration? Not to mention a .368 batting average during the World Series. No player on either side had more hits, homers, or runs batted in during the Series than Hatcher, who easily could have been voted MVP. The guy had more home runs in the Series than he had from April through September. Who will ever forget the way he ran the bases? How fast was his home-run trot? "Fast enough," Dodger coach Joey Amalfitano said, "that it was as if he thought they would suddenly change their minds and take it back."

And to think the Dodgers went to training camp in springtime feeling hopeful because, after two straight, 73-89, fifth-place seasons, they were going to have Fernando Valenzuela out there again on the mound for Opening Day, and they were going to have a healthy Pedro Guerrero batting cleanup, and they were going to have free-agent Kirk Gibson batting ahead of him, and they were going to have this "Awesome Fivesome," as Lasorda pegged it, swinging from the heels in the middle of the lineup, including Mike Davis, another offseason pickup, and Mike Marshall, who managed to survive a thousand trade rumors and keep his position with the club.

So, what happened? By the time the final game of the World Series rolled around, Valenzuela was not even on the roster, Guerrero was the property of the St. Louis Cardinals, Gibson was on the bench with an injury, Davis was on the field after spending most of the season on the bench, and Marshall was playing right field with an ailment that had forced



him to remove himself from an earlier Series game. Lasorda had more of a gruesome two-some than an awesome fivesome. Scioscia was hurt, too, and had to turn over his mask to Rick Dempsey, who was pushing 40 and unwanted even by Cleveland when the 1987 season was over. Worse still for the Dodgers, John Tudor, the left-handed pitcher they had sacrificed Guerrero to get, threw a few pitches in Game 3 of the World Series and then walked off the mound with an aching elbow. The Dodgers spent most of October dodging the bullet. One day the commissioner even stepped in and stripped them of their ace relief pitcher, Jay Howell, right smack in the middle of the National League playoffs. Caught him with pine tar on his mitt, of all things. The Dodgers began to wonder what the league penalty might be for not being able to field nine men.

Somehow the Dodgers held everything together, just as they had during the regular season, despite losing Valenzuela for the second half of the season, despite losing starting shortstop Griffin for most of the first half, despite desperate times that called for such desperate measures as giving starting assignments to pitchers such as Bill Krueger and William Brennan. The Dodgers were like fighters who were either too tough or too stupid to know when to go down. They just kept coming. And, ultimately, they added another championship trophy to the ones they won in 1955 for Brooklyn and in 1959, 1963, 1965, and 1981 for Los Angeles.

This was a team so bad the previous season that Mike Ramsey was the starting center fielder, Mariano Duncan the shortstop, and Matt Young the stopper out of the bullpen. It was a team in such disarray that the general manager, Al Campanis, could not get through the first week of the season, having chopped his own head off on a nationally televised interview with Ted Koppel. This was a team so messed up that Lasorda, the only manager Los Angeles has ever known other than Walter Alston, seemed entitled to be checking out job opportunities in New York and Chicago and even Anaheim, just to be on the safe side. One more fifth-place showing and Lasorda might have ended up a chubby Cubbie or an Angel-food eater.

General manager Fred Claire, a former sportswriter, was accused by some of being slow on the trigger during trade sessions, but it was a bad rap. Claire took a major risk by shopping Bob Welch around baseball, at a time when starting pitchers of his quality are at a premium. The move could have backfired completely, considering the way Welch pitched for Oakland and the way Valenzuela disappeared on the Dodgers. But the trade did bring the Dodgers some desperately needed relief help, Howell and Jesse Orosco, plus a shortstop in Griffin who would plug up a big hole on a club that for two years running had led the National League in errors.

Somehow, they had learned how to win. Perhaps they were, as many suggested, shown how to win by Gibson, who is a perfect guy to have in your Murderers' Row, because he looks like he ought to be in a police lineup. When Orosco put shaving cream on the mouthpiece of a telephone and called Gibson to it, and then followed that practical joke with another one, putting lampblack on the insides of Gibson's cap, Dr. Gibson turned into Mr. Hyde, threatening to beat the pine tar out of the next person who ever pulled anything like that. We're here to work, Gibson screamed, not play. These were the same Dodgers who, the year before, entertained themselves and others by doing the Three Amigos salute, or interrupting TV interviews with pies in the kiss-er, or wearing blacked-out teeth onto the field (as Hatcher once did), or handcuffing Valenzuela to the dugout bat rack during a game. Gibson brought a no-nonsense approach to the ballpark, and it was contagious. After he won the MVP honors, Gibson said: "I don't consider myself a numbers man. I consider myself an impact player." Yeah. Anybody messes around during a game, Gibson impacts him in the face.

After a parade saluting the champions, the Dodgers climbed onto the steps of City Hall, where Lasorda danced a twist for the crowd, introducing Chubby Checker fans to Tommy the Tummy, and invited everybody to twist again, like they did last summer. He did not, however, promise back-to-back championships, as Los Angeles Lakers coach Pat Riley once had. Which asks the musical question: Can the Dodgers repeat?

It won't be easy. The left arms of Valenzuela, Tudor, and Orosco are going, going, gone. Fernando re-signed, but is in questionable form. Tudor won't be back until mid-1989, and possibly not at all. Orosco has been let go. The Dodgers did manage to keep Marshall after he had filed for free agency, but they lost Sax, who signed with the New York Yankees. One bombshell: They picked up slugger Eddie Murray in a trade with the Baltimore Orioles. They need every man.

Had it been any franchise but the Dodgers or one of New York's, the 1988 world champions would have been considered, across America, one of the great sentimental favorites of all time, a team full of hustlers and ho-boes who played far beyond their capabilities, and pulled rabbits from their caps. Had it been Atlanta or Seattle or Texas, it would have been thought of as a cute little ball club that somebody ought to put up for adoption. Hatcher and Dempsey and Hershisier and Stubbs and Griffin—man, this looked like a company softball team.

Because it was Los Angeles, though, town of tinsel, team of tradition, stadium full of celebrities, the Dodgers might not have been thought of from coast-to-coast as, well, cuddly. There are a lot of Tommyknockers out there, too, people who tire of Lasorda's act, can't stand seeing him spring from the dugout after a victory and waddle out to the mound to crush his players' ribs with one of his hugs.

Well, everybody's entitled to his own sentiments. All we know is, the Dodgers cannot be counted out of a game just because they do not look as impressive as the team they are playing. They proved that in 1988. The game isn't over until the fat man springs.

DODGERS IN LA-LA LAND



Little did anyone suspect that enough improvement would be made to turn the Dodgers into champions. From April on, the Dodgers dominated the National League West.

They were so good so early, Claire even rewarded Lasorda with a new contract before the All-Star break.

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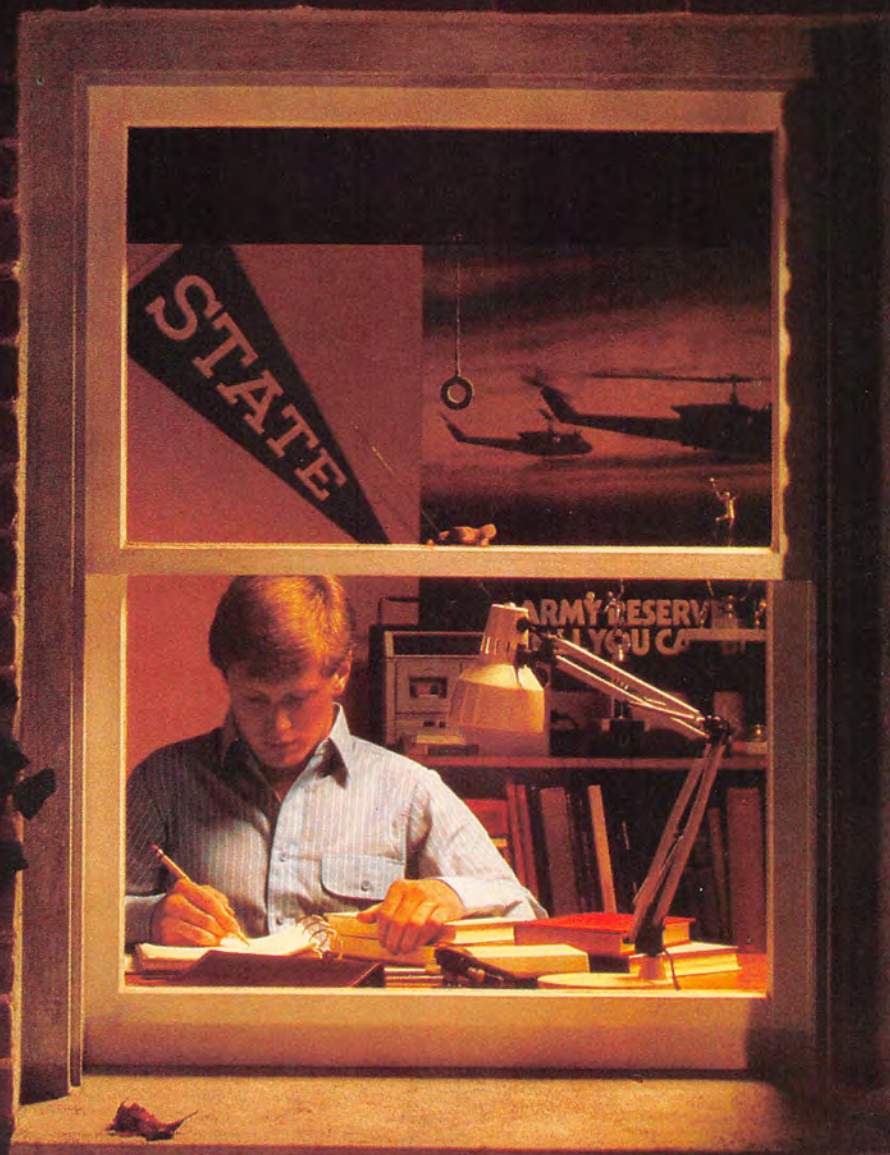
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THE CLASS OF 1989

In 1984, the first year of manager Dave Johnson's reign, the New York Mets climbed from two consecutive last-place finishes to a surprising runner-up spot behind the division champion Chicago Cubs. When the amateur draft came around the following June, they paid the price of success. Their high finish left them far down on the selection list—20th in a field of 26. But the Mets, who saw four teams pass on Dwight Gooden before they chose him in the 1982 draft, had luck on their side again. Despite the disadvantage of their position, they found Gregg Jefferies of Millbrae, California still available. Jefferies enters 1989 as the pre-season favorite to win Rookie of the Year honors.

"Our only problem is not whether he will play, but where he will play," said Mets' VP Joe McIlvaine, the baseball brains of the organization and the man who chose Jefferies.

Not since Clint Hurdle made the cover of *Sports Illustrated* in the spring of 1978 has there been a more widely heralded rookie than Jefferies. It isn't just the fact that he was twice picked Minor League Player of the Year by *Baseball America* that has raised attention. It was what Jefferies did late last season that has everyone in baseball—his teammates included—talking.

"There isn't anything he can't do—except maybe bunt. And why would you want someone with his talent to bunt," said ex-teammate Wally Backman. That was a reference to Game 5 in last year's league championship series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, when Jefferies was asked to bunt. He popped up. "I never bunted before," he apologized.

by JACK LANG

THE CLASS OF 1989

Why would you ask someone who hits .343, .359, and .367 to bunt? Those were Jefferies' averages his first three years in the minors. Despite a .153 start the first month of last season at Tidewater, Jefferies finished at .282 with a 24-game hitting streak lifting him over the hump. When he arrived at Shea Stadium in New York on August 27, he was an instant success. In his first two at-bats against the veteran Mike Krukow of the San Francisco Giants, Jefferies singled and doubled. That was just the start. His third week in the majors he was named the National League Player of the Week after hitting .440. When it came time for New York to select its postseason roster, Jefferies naturally was on it. There was no over-looking his .321 average in 29 games with six home runs and 17 RBIs.

"He's the closest thing I've seen to Pete Reiser, the great Dodger rookie in 1941," said Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner. "He's a switch hitter like Pete, he has his kind of power, and he can run like Reiser."

Dave Johnson's plan is to install Jefferies at third base in 1989 and leave him there. Trades could alter that plan and Jefferies could wind up at second base. But he will be in the lineup.

If Jefferies has a rival for National League rookie honors in '89, it could be Sandy Alomar Jr., the young catching prospect nurtured by the San Diego Padres. Then again, Alomar could be a candidate for the award in the American League. With 1987 Rookie of the Year Benito Santiago firmly established as the Padres' receiver, Alomar will have to seek employment elsewhere. Make no mistake, though, Alomar will catch somewhere this season. After a .297 average at Las Vegas in the Pacific Coast League, the son of the former major-league infielder definitely is ready. An excellent receiver, Alomar also has power (16 home runs).

There doesn't seem to be much doubt in the minds of most scouts that the outstanding pitching prospect coming up in the American League and a solid candidate for rookie hon-

ors is Tom "Flash" Gordon of the Kansas City Royals. Gordon's statistics are reminiscent of those Doc Gooden posted when he was working his way up in the Mets' organization. Pitching for Appleton, Memphis, Omaha, and, finally, Kansas City in 1988, Gordon struck out 263 batters in 185.2 innings. His minor-league record with the three clubs was 16-3, including 6-0 at Memphis and 3-0 at Omaha.

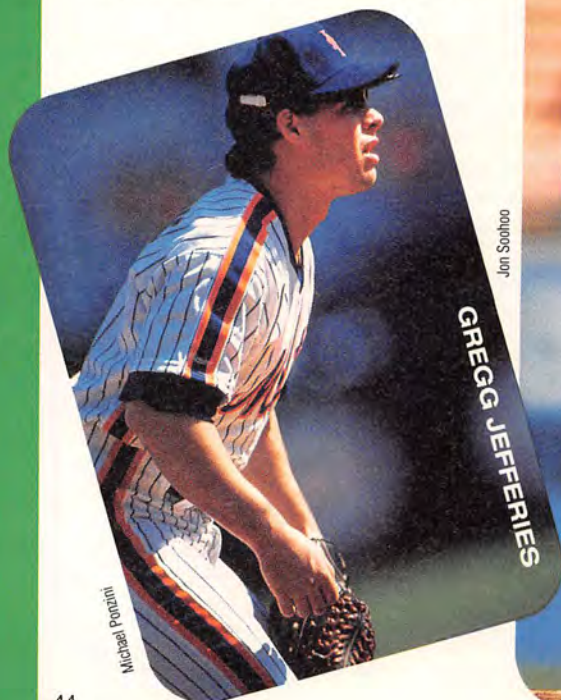
"We look at Gordon as a prospect of the same magnitude as Dwight Gooden and Jose Canseco," said Allan Simpson, editor of *Baseball America* and one of the leading authorities in the country on minor leaguers. Art Stewart, scouting director for the Royals, is just as enthusiastic. "He's got the best curveball I've seen since Bert Blyleven, and I'm talking about the hard curve Blyleven had in his prime. Tom Gordon is something special. The first time I saw him in high school, he was playing shortstop for Avon Park High in Florida. He hit a home run to win that game, 1-0. In the second game of a double-header, he strikes out 20 of 21. The only guy he didn't fan hit a tapper to the mound."

How the Royals will use Gordon remains to be seen. "Basically, he's a two-pitch pitcher, and starters usually have more than two pitches," said Kansas City general manager John Schuerholz. "But he's capable of coming in and getting the strikeouts, which is very important in a stopper's role. So we may switch him to the bullpen."

If there is another pitching phenom on the horizon, it could very well be Ramon Martinez, a 22-year-old right-hander from the Dominican Republic. After winning 16 games for Vero Beach in 1987, Martinez was voted the Florida State League's top major-league prospect. He did nothing to discourage that optimism last year. Martinez was 8-4 at San Antonio in the Texas League and 5-2 at Albuquerque in the Pacific Coast League. In a late-summer look with the Dodgers, he was 1-3. "Every club we talked trade with this winter wanted Martinez," said Dodger manager Tom Lasorda. "But we're not trading him. He's the top pitching prospect in the organization."

Mike Harkey's 0-3 debut with the Chicago Cubs last September can be discounted considering the high praise heaped on him. Some see Harkey, a 6-5, 220-pound right-hander out of Cal State Fullerton, as another Ferguson Jenkins. The Cubs' No. 1 draft selection in 1987, Harkey was the dominant pitcher last year in the Eastern League, where he went 9-2 with Pittsfield. He moved up from there to Iowa in the American Association and was 7-2 when the Cubs promoted him for a late look. "God hung a great arm on him, that's for sure," said Bob Oldis, a former major-league catcher and current scout for the Montreal Expos. "He's got the potential to be a consistent 15- to 20-game winner in the majors. He needs to work a little on a few things, but he'll be a winner for sure."

With the St. Louis Cardinals so much in need of pitching, right-hander Cris Carpenter figures to be a shoo-in to make the staff this season. Carpenter missed the second half of '88 with a shoulder problem that was feared to be a torn rotator cuff. But an examination by famed orthopedic specialist Dr. James Allen of Birmingham, Alabama allayed those fears. A first-round pick in the June 1987 draft, Carpenter was 6-2 with Louisville before being felled with his injury. Tim Jones, an infielder



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GREGG JEFFERIES



RAMON MARTINEZ



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who hit .257 at Louisville and .269 with the Cardinals, is another rookie expected to make the St. Louis roster.

The Atlanta Braves, trying to recoup from a disastrous 1988 season, will attempt to inject two rookies into their lineup. One is Mark Lemke, a second baseman who hit .270 with 16 home runs at Greenville last summer. His problem will be to try to beat out Ron Gant, who was voted to the second-base spot on the all-rookie team a year ago. Manager Russ Nixon could shift Gant to third base to make room for Lemke.

Finding work for left-hander Derek Lilliquist should be no problem. The Braves are in dire need of pitching. Lilliquist, their No. 1 draft pick in 1987 when he was the college pitcher of the year at the University of Georgia, was 10-12 with a 3.38 ERA at Richmond of the International League in his first full year in pro ball. "He's a control-type pitcher who averages 1.9 walks per nine innings," said Nixon. "We'll try to find a spot for him."

So will the Baltimore Orioles find room for former Fordham University ace Pete Harnisch, who was 11-7 splitting the season between Charlotte in the Southern League and Rochester in the International League. In 190 innings with the two clubs, Harnisch struck out 184. Four of his nine starts for Rochester were shutouts, and in one game against Toledo he struck out 17. Opposing managers tabbed Harnisch the best pitching prospect in the Southern League. Charlotte manager Greg Bieganski said, "He's overpowering with a slider and a change."

Right-hander Bob Milacki is another pitcher to keep an eye on in the Baltimore camp. He had a sensational debut last September, when he went 2-0 with an 0.72 ERA as the Orioles won all three games he started. Milacki reached the majors after a combined 15-11 at Charlotte and Rochester. And while they are revamping their staff, the O's might very well find a spot for right-hander Gregg Olson, their No. 1 pick (fourth in the nation) in last June's draft. Inexperience on the professional level may hamper Olson, but he has enough

college experience. He was a two-time All-America at Auburn and also played on the United States Olympic team last summer. After pitching briefly at Hagerstown and Charlotte, Olson won his first start for Baltimore in a game against Seattle.

Certainly the biggest rookie scheduled to debut this year is Randy Johnson, the 6-10, 225-pound right-hander who was 3-0 last September. He was the first Montreal rookie ever to win his first three starts. Johnson, the tallest pitcher in major-league history, struck out 111 batters in 113 innings at Indianapolis, where he was 8-7. "This kid is going to be a good one," said manager Buck Rogers. "After what he showed us last September, we can't wait to have him for a full season." Second baseman John Paredes was in 35 games with Montreal last season but is still considered a rookie. He is expected to be part of the Expos' second-base platoon.

Gary Sheffield, nephew and close companion of the Mets' Gooden, is a can't-miss player expected to take over at shortstop or third base for the Milwaukee Brewers. He was rated the top prospect in the American Association after hitting .326 at Denver. When the Brewers brought him up for two dozen games in September, Sheffield hit only .238. But he added four homers, so there is some pop in his bat. He definitely has the glove.

Boston is almost certain to find a roster spot for Carlos Quintana, its top rookie prospect. A power-hitting outfielder/first baseman, Quintana led Pawtucket of the International League with 16 homers. He was fifth in the league in batting (.285), tied for second in homers (16), and fourth in RBIs (66).

Edgar Martinez, the Pacific Coast League's batting champion, should be the top rookie in Seattle this year. If he lacks outstanding power (only eight homers), Martinez does hit for average (.363). He's a third baseman. Seattle also has a fine pitcher in Erik Hanson, who after an 0-5 start with Calgary in the PCL went 12-2. A right-hander, he's tough on righties, who hit only .195 against him last season.

In Philadelphia they are banking on outfielder Ron Jones to be a Rookie of the Year candidate. With a dearth of lefty bats in the Phillies' lineup, Jones should be a welcome addition. He hit .267 at Maine last year with 16 homers and 75 RBIs. Todd Frohwirth, with 83 minor-league saves behind him the last three years, should take the place of the released Kent Tekulve in the Philly bullpen. "He's a sinker-ball pitcher who will take the ball 10 days in a row if you give it to him," said Maine manager George Culver.

Those are just some of the top-rated freshmen for 1989. Keep an eye also on the following: pitchers Ken Patterson and Tom McCarthy (White Sox), Dave Otto (Athletics), Steve Searcy (Tigers), and Dave West (Mets); catchers Craig Biggio (Astros), Chad Kreuter (Rangers), and Will Tejada (Giants); infielders Mike Brumley (Padres), Lenny Harris (Reds), and Tony Lovullo (Tigers); and outfielders Scott Lusader (Tigers), Dante Bichette (Angels), and Dwight Smith (Cubs).

1988 ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

The class of 1988 produced some talented and promising rookies, and perhaps a late bloomer or two who will develop into a star. But the overall performance of the group did not measure up to the standards set by its most recent predecessors.

The 1984 season featured Dwight Gooden, Alvin Davis, Mark Langston, Roger Clemens, Mark Gubicza, Juan Samuel, and Kirby Puckett. The following year, Vince Coleman and Ozzie Guillen were the top freshmen among Tom Browning, Ted Higuera, and Glenn Davis. In 1986, the American League was introduced to Jose Canseco, Wally Joyner, Cory

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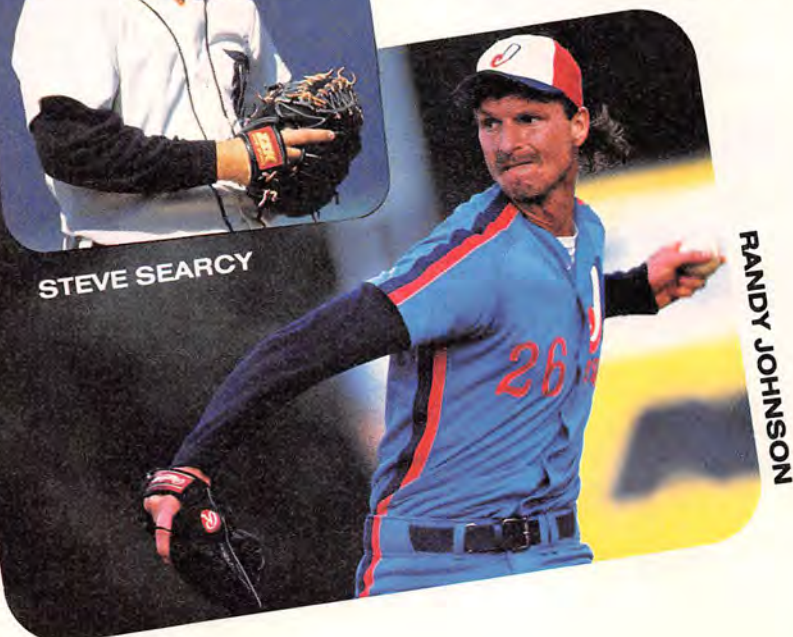


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THE CLASS OF 1989

Snyder, Danny Tartabull, Pete Incaviglia, and Ruben Sierra while the National League developed Todd Worrell, Will Clark, and Barry Bonds. A year later, Mark McGwire and Benito Santiago were the unanimous rookie award winners in a field that included Mike Greenwell, Ellis Burks, Kevin Seitzer, Devon White, Mike Dunne, B.J. Surhoff, and Matt Nokes.

The 1988 Rookies of the Year were shortstop Walt Weiss of Oakland and third baseman Chris Sabo of Cincinnati. Weiss, the third A's player in as many years to be so honored, saw action in September of '87. Impressed by his play, Oakland traded incumbent shortstop Alfredo Griffin to the Los Angeles Dodgers and awarded the position to Weiss last spring. He rewarded the team with strong defense, particularly in the second half of the season (he made just one error after July 8), and batted .250 while the A's ran away with the West and won the pennant. Sabo won a job with the Reds, then had no competition for his position after Buddy Bell was injured and later traded. A favorite of the fans, Sabo's credo was: "If you don't play hard, there's no sense playing. I don't know any other way." He was hitting

over .300 at mid-season, which earned him a spot on the All-Star team (the only rookie selected), and finished with a .271 average with 40 doubles and 46 stolen bases.

Bryan Harvey was a distant runner-up to Weiss in the rookie balloting in the American League. He compiled a 7-5 record with 17 saves and a 2.13 earned-run average for the California Angels. Jody Reed was next in the voting. Installed at shortstop when manager Joe Morgan took over the Red Sox in mid-summer, Reed proved to be a catalyst as Boston won 19 of 20 games and 24 straight at home en route to a division title. Not as steady with the glove as Weiss, Reed showed more offense by hitting .293.

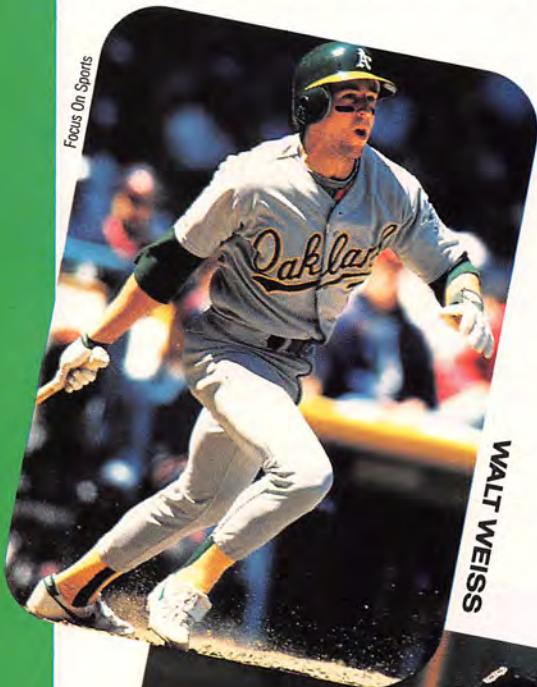
Dan August of Milwaukee had 13 victories, more than any rookie pitcher a year ago. Chicago's Dave Gallagher led all rookie batters with a .303 average while playing 95 errorless games in the outfield. His teammate Melido Perez, obtained from the Kansas City Royals, had a better season than the man for whom he was traded, Floyd Bannister. Perez won 12 of 22 decisions with a 3.79 ERA. Mike Schooler, converted to the bullpen in Seattle, won five games and saved 15 others for the Mariners. Outfielder Cecil Espy led his A.L. classmates in triples (6) and steals (33) while hitting .248 for Texas. Other first-year players in the league included first baseman Joey Meyer of Milwaukee, outfielder Jay Buhner of Seattle, and pitcher Paul Gibson of Detroit.

The election in the National League was not so conclusive. First baseman Mark Grace of Chicago finished a close second to Sabo. He was sixth in the league in batting, at .296, the highest mark by a Cubs' rookie since Bill Madlock hit .313 in 1974. Damon Berryhill, Chicago's other rookie starter, made Jody Davis expendable when he took over the catching duties. A switch hitter, Berryhill batted .259 and threw out 40 percent of runners attempting to steal. Tim Belcher of Los Angeles was the top new pitcher in '88. He got stronger as the season went on, winning seven straight games at one point and nine of his last 11 decisions. Belcher finished with a 12-6 record, a 2.91 ERA, and struck out 152 batters in 179.2 innings. Then he defeated the Mets twice in the playoffs and the A's once in the World Series.

Ron Gant of Atlanta topped all rookies in

home runs (19), RBIs (60), runs (85), triples (8), and extra-base hits (55). Gant's defense was less impressive—he led all second basemen with 26 errors. Roberto Alomar, another second baseman, singled against Nolan Ryan in his first at-bat. He hit .318 in the final two months and .266 overall for the San Diego Padres. Ricky Jordan had an even faster start than Alomar. The Phillies' first baseman homered off Bob Knepper his first time up, then hit two more home runs in his next 16 at-bats. He compiled an 18-game consecutive hitting streak and wound up with a .308 average, 11 homers, and 43 RBIs in 69 games. And Gregg Jefferies made enough of an impression in his brief showing last year to collect one second-place vote. A leading candidate for 1989 Rookie of the Year, he'll undoubtedly earn more points this season.

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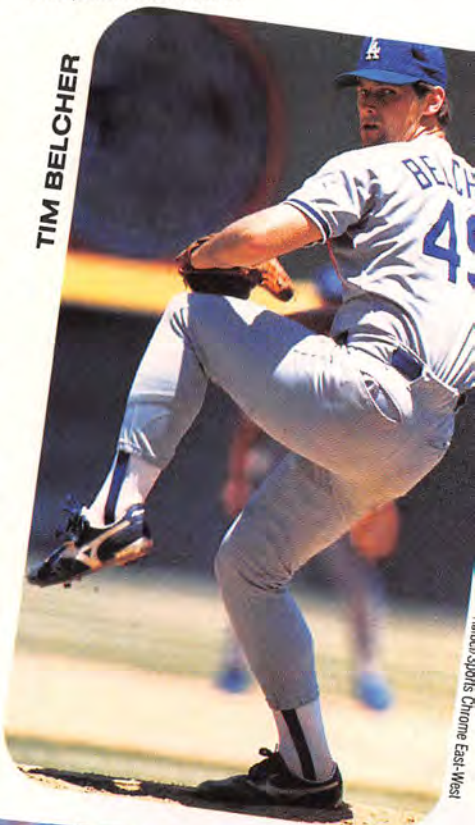
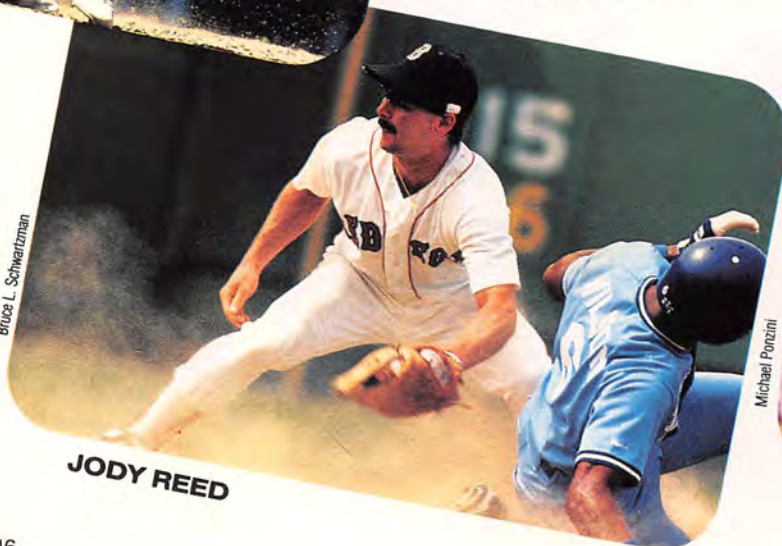


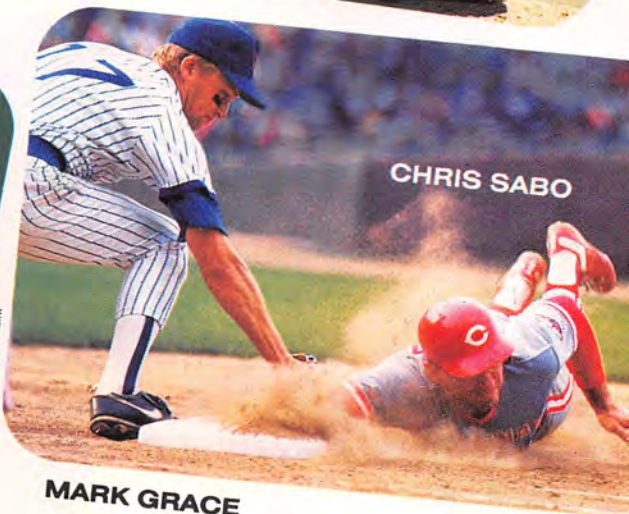
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KEVIN McREYNOLDS

A FISH STORY

The Mets still talk of a spectacular catch Lenny Dykstra made in spring training last March, a largemouth bass he hooked while fishing with his buddy and teammate Kevin McReynolds. Dykstra neither cleaned nor discarded the fish; nor did he throw it back. What he did was bring the odorous bass to the Mets' clubhouse the following morning, place it in a leg of the baseball pants hanging in McReynolds's locker and, along with his teammates, wait for a reaction.

Of course there was none. McReynolds arrived, began to dress, and with absolute indifference, removed the fish from the pants and deposited it in the trash as if it were nothing more than an expected bit of lint.

A TRUE STORY

The big one got away from Dykstra, McReynolds, and the other Mets some seven months later when Orel Hershiser put a premature end to their season. McReynolds was responsible for one of the Mets' ninth-inning outs in the seventh game, and as he walked from the field for the final time last season, his expression was no different from what it had been when he discovered Dykstra's prank or when, on June 18, he scored the decisive run in a 14-inning Mets' victory against the Phillies. Only a blank canvas could have captured his expression on those occasions.

A LOVE STORY

McReynolds and his friend and agent, Tom Selakovich, and others were in a small boat examining the 565-acre Arkansas duck club McReynolds intended to purchase last fall when McReynolds noticed a beer can floating some 50 yards away. He paddled to the litter and picked it as cleanly as Brooks Robinson ever could have. This time, there was expression on his face. It was joy. McReynolds was in his domain, and on that day he had done his share to maintain its beauty.

Such is the storied existence of Kevin McReynolds, 29, baseball player, outdoorsman, MVP candidate, millionaire, ecologist, philanthropist, marksman, pizza connoisseur, and occasional groundskeeper. Put a bat in his hands, and he's dangerous, productive, and happy. Replace it with a fishing rod, and he's comfortable and content. Give him some money, and he's liable to share a large portion of it with someone with similar interests. Give him a pizza and he'll finish nine slices to your three. Drop a beer can or candy wrapper in one of the flooded timber areas on his duck club, and he's unsettled, maybe even irritated by it. God knows, he might even show it.

Baseball is McReynolds's occupation, a means to an end in many ways, but one which he enjoys. The outdoors is his pastime, and his pastime is his passion. Call Roy Hobbs the Natural. Call Kevin McReynolds the naturalist. When baseball is in season, he is Mac, the Mets' left fielder with a 22 on his back. When ducks are in season, he is Ewell Gibbons with

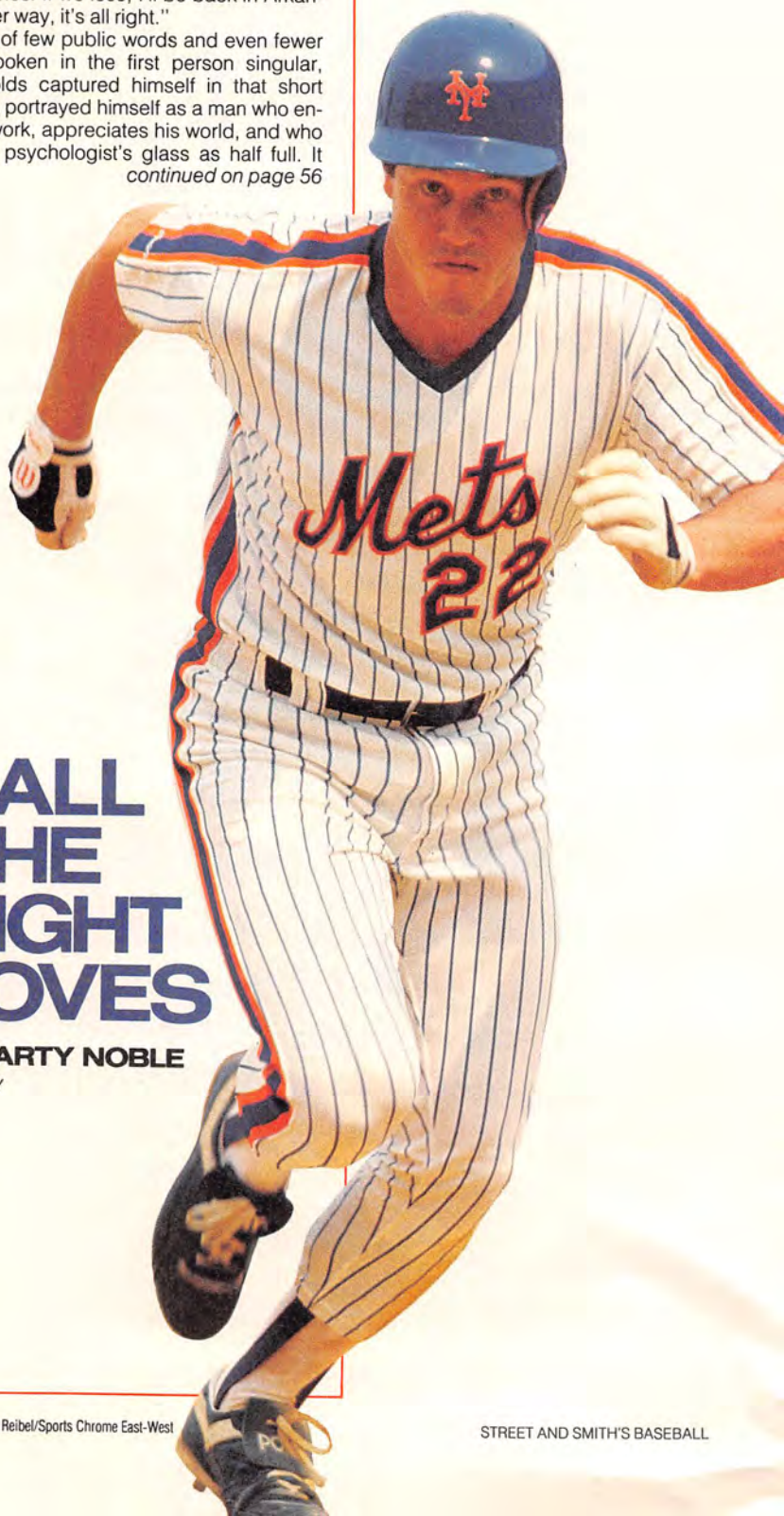
a .22 in his hand. Either activity pleases him to such a degree that last fall, when the Mets faced elimination from the playoffs, McReynolds saw no down side to his personal situation. "If we win," he said, "I'll be playing in the World Series. If we lose, I'll be back in Arkansas. Either way, it's all right."

A man of few public words and even fewer words spoken in the first person singular, McReynolds captured himself in that short passage, portrayed himself as a man who enjoys his work, appreciates his world, and who sees the psychologist's glass as half full. It

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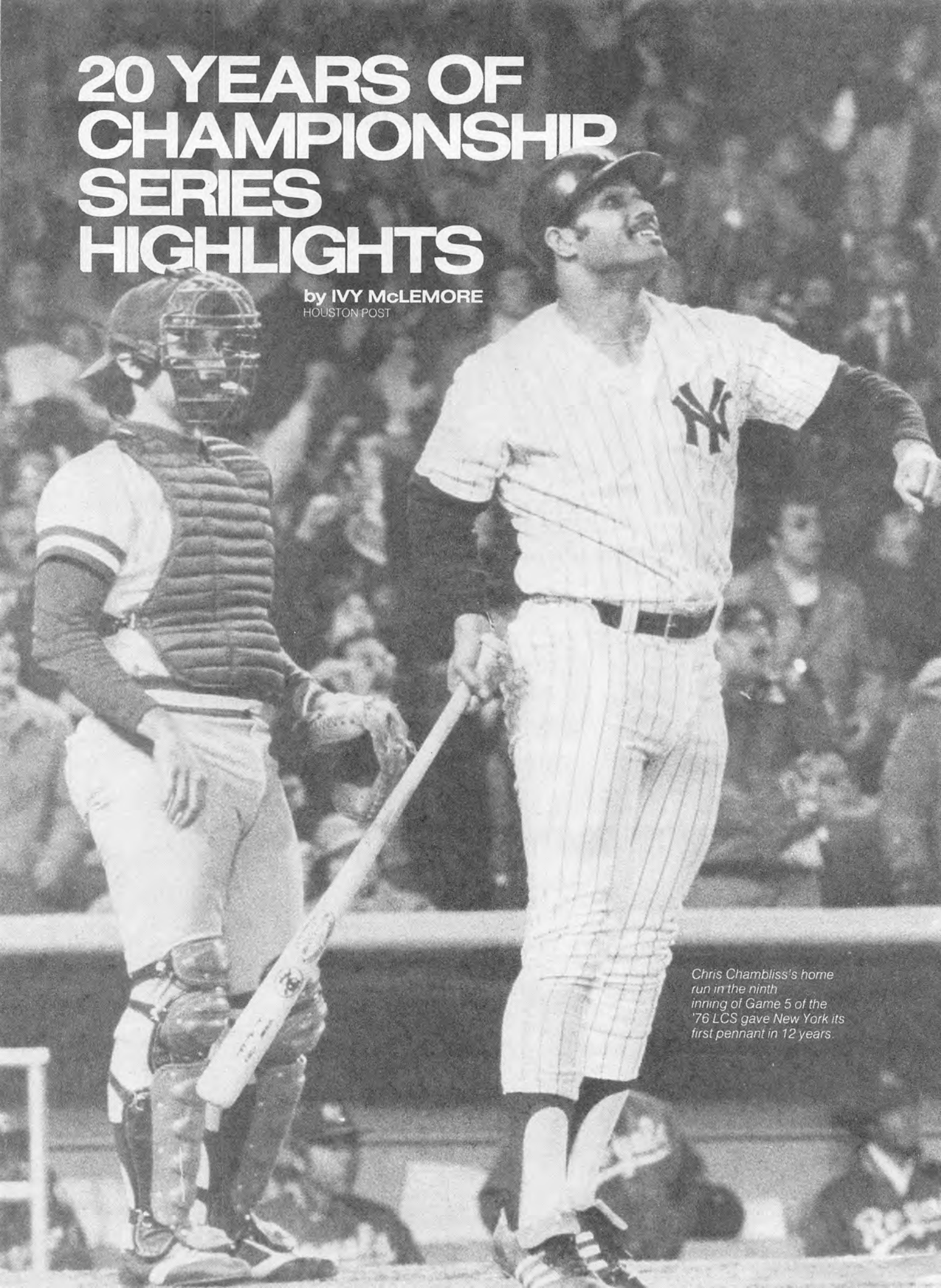
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20 YEARS OF CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

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Chris Chambliss's home run in the ninth inning of Game 5 of the '76 LCS gave New York its first pennant in 12 years.

● Since the League Championship Series was first introduced in 1969, it has blossomed into a showcase event which has filled volumes of October baseball history with stories of comebacks, collapses, and controversy. The middle step in the three-tier system that determines baseball's World Series champion continues to grow in stature and popularity. Few could have envisioned the emotion and drama the LCS would provide when it was created to determine a pennant winner in each league following a 162-game regular-season schedule. Expansion necessitated the playoff format. League officials met in Houston the day after the 1968 All-Star game and completed plans for divisional play which would begin the following season.

Last-inning heroics have become a hallmark of these playoffs. In their 20-year history, three pennants have been won on home runs in a team's final at-bat. One pennant-winning game even took a record 16 innings to play and inspired a book which called it *The Greatest Game Ever Played*.

1986 NEW YORK VS. HOUSTON

As a prelude to a landmark contest in baseball history, the New York Mets and Houston Astros traded emotional victories in the first five games of their 1986 championship series. Mike Scott, whom the Mets accused of illegally scuffing baseballs, registered 14 strikeouts in a 1-0 victory in Game 1 at Houston. The Mets won Game 2 and took a 6-5 decision in Game 3 on Lenny Dykstra's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth. Scott came back to win Game 4, setting up a duel between Nolan Ryan and Dwight Gooden in Game 5 of the best-of-seven series. A controversial call by first-base umpire Fred Brocklander in the second inning cost the Astros a run in a game they eventually lost, 2-1, in 12 innings on a run-scoring single by Gary Carter.

Realizing they had to win Game 6 to avoid another confrontation with Scott, the Mets fell behind quickly when the series returned to the Astrodome. Houston scored three runs in the first and missed another scoring opportunity in the same inning when Alan Ashby missed a suicide squeeze with Kevin Bass on third. The Mets eventually tied the score with three runs in the ninth and took a 4-3 lead in the 14th, only to have Billy Hatcher stun Jesse Orosco in the bottom of the inning with a homer which hit the screen attached to the left-field foul pole. Two innings later, the Mets scored three times to take a 7-4 lead. Down to their last gasp, the Astros scored two runs and had runners on first and second when Bass struck out on a 3-and-2 pitch that secured the Mets' first pennant since 1973.

"When we were running away with the [Eastern] Division, Davey Johnson had told us that the League Championship Series would, in a sense, be our World Series," Carter said. "There was more pressure to win, a feeling of fighting for survival."

The Mets' emotion-filled, roller-coaster series against the Astros offered a sharp contrast to the early history of the LCS, when a best-of-five format was used and games usually were played before less than capacity crowds. The first two years of competition resulted in three-game sweeps by league champions, doing little to enhance the new event's popularity.

1969-71 BALTIMORE ORIOLES

The pitching-rich Baltimore Orioles won successive American League championships from 1969 to 1971 by blitzing their opposition in nine consecutive games. So dominant was the Orioles' pitching staff in 1971 that they didn't even need to start Pat Dobson, one of their four 20-game winners during the regular season, in a sweep of Oakland. After the final out was recorded in the series, outfielder Reggie Jackson sat on the steps of the A's dugout while trying to come to grips with defeat. That was the first of a record 11 championship series in which Jackson played.

While the Orioles were consistent winners in the A.L., the National League produced three different pennant winners in the first three years of series competition. Ryan, who would establish a record by making LCS appearances 17 years apart, pitched seven innings for the Mets to earn the victory in Game 3 in 1969 against Atlanta. The Mets went on to stun Baltimore in the World Series.

A little-known controversy arose the following year when Baltimore played Minnesota in a rematch of the first ALCS. In the eighth inning of Game 2, Baltimore manager Earl Weaver suspected Minnesota reliever Ron Perranoski of using pine tar to get a better grip on the ball. A subsequent inspection by umpire Bill Haller found Perranoski had put pine tar on his pitching hand. Perranoski was instructed to remove the pine tar before making his first pitch and remained in the game. Some 18 years later, Perranoski would serve as pitching coach for Los Angeles when Dodgers' reliever Jay Howell would be ejected from a playoff game against the Mets for having pine tar in his glove. Until Howell's two-game suspension in 1988, Oakland shortstop Bert Campaneris had been the only player ever suspended in LCS history. Campaneris was

fined \$500 and suspended for the remainder of the 1972 series against Detroit when he flung a bat toward pitcher Lerrin LaGrow after being hit on the ankle by a pitch in Game 2.

The early years of the LCS produced several unlikely heroes. Cincinnati left-hander Don Gullett was only 19 years old when he earned two saves in the Reds' 1970 sweep of Pittsburgh. One year later, Pittsburgh's Bob Robertson overcame lingering knee problems during the regular season to hit four homers in a four-game verdict over San Francisco.

Not until 1972 was the potential of the LCS realized. Both series were extended to the five-game limit that year and each of the deciding games was settled by a one-run margin. In addition to losing Campaneris to a suspension, the A's were forced to play without Jackson for the final seven innings of their deciding game against Detroit. Jackson injured a hamstring muscle when he collided with Tiger catcher Bill Freehan at the end of a delayed double steal. Vida Blue pitched four shutout innings for the A's in Game 5 after starter Blue Moon Odom complained of breathing difficulties on the mound. After the

Jack Clark's home run in Game 6 in '85 won the pennant for St. Louis; New York (below) survived 16 innings in Game 6 in '86 to advance to the World Series.



game, Blue criticized Odom, colorful A's owner Charlie Finley, and even manager Dick Williams for not starting him in the series against the Tigers. In the NLCS that year, Johnny Bench hit a game-tying homer against Pittsburgh's Dave Giusti in the ninth inning of Game 5 at Cincinnati. The Reds eventually scored the deciding run in the same inning on a bases-loaded wild pitch by Bob Moose.

1971-75 OAKLAND A'S

Not even Baltimore's early LCS teams could match the prowess displayed by the Oakland A's, who established a record by making five consecutive championship series appearances from 1971-75. The A's mustaches and frequent clubhouse scuffles were reflections of Finley's image as a maverick owner who assembled baseball's last true dynasty.

"We've got controversial management, controversial players, and everything else," Jackson said. "This club always plays well under pressure. We're unstoppable when the pressure is on." Indeed, Catfish Hunter pitched a five-hit shutout against Baltimore in Game 5 in 1973. The A's needed only four games to dispatch Baltimore the following season for their third successive pennant.

The Mets produced the biggest upset of early LCS competition when they defeated Cincinnati's Big Red Machine in an emotional five-game series in 1973. Pete Rose collided with New York shortstop Bud Harrelson while making an aggressive slide into second base in an attempt to break up a double play in the fifth inning of Game 3. Rose and Harrelson scuffled, prompting both benches to empty. When Rose returned to left field in the bottom of the inning, he was showered with debris. Cincinnati

manager Sparky Anderson ordered his players off the

some 5,000 fans ran onto the field at Shea Stadium in joyous celebration.

While the A's were defeating Baltimore in 1974 for the American League crown, Los Angeles first baseman Steve Garvey was enjoying the first of his many memorable LCS moments by hitting .389 to lead the Dodgers to a four-game decision over Pittsburgh.

Hunter's decision to leave Oakland for a \$3.2 million contract with the New York Yankees at the end of the 1974 season signaled an end to the A's streak of World Series appearances. The A's reached the LCS again in



1975, but were swept by the Boston Red Sox. Hunter's absence was painfully evident to Oakland fans when the A's were forced to start Blue and Ken Holtzman in the first two games of the series at Fenway Park, whose cozy dimensions often create nightmares for left-handed pitchers.

1975-76 CINCINNATI REDS

While the A's dynasty was ending, the Big Red Machine was shifting into high gear. Cincinnati hit four homers and stole 11 bases in a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh in 1975 and followed by ousting Philadelphia in three games for the 1976 N.L. flag. A three-run rally in the ninth that gave the Reds a 7-6 victory over Philadelphia in Game 3 of the '76 series was overshadowed later the same week by what many consider to be the most dramatic home run in LCS history.

1976-78 NEW YORK VS. KANSAS CITY

Kansas City and the New York Yankees had reached the playoffs for the first time and had split the first four games of their 1976 series. The Yanks took a 6-3 lead into the eighth inning of Game 5, only to have George Brett tie the game with a three-run homer. Not to be outdone, Chris Chambliss hit the first pitch from Kansas City reliever Mark Littell over the right-field fence in the ninth to spark a celebration among thousands of fans that caused \$100,000 damage to the playing field at Yankee Stadium.

The Yankees and Royals would meet four times in LCS play from 1976 to 1980. Kansas City took a 3-2 lead into the ninth inning of Game 5 in 1977, but watched in horror as the Yankees rallied for three runs to earn another World Series berth. Brett even hit three homers in one game in the 1978 series, only to have the Royals once again fall short of their

LCS Stars: Oakland's Bert Campaneris (left) and Vida Blue, San Diego's Steve Garvey, and Kansas City's George Brett



goal. Not until 1980, when Brett's three-run homer against Goose Gossage helped complete a three-game sweep of the Yanks, did Kansas City reach its first World Series.

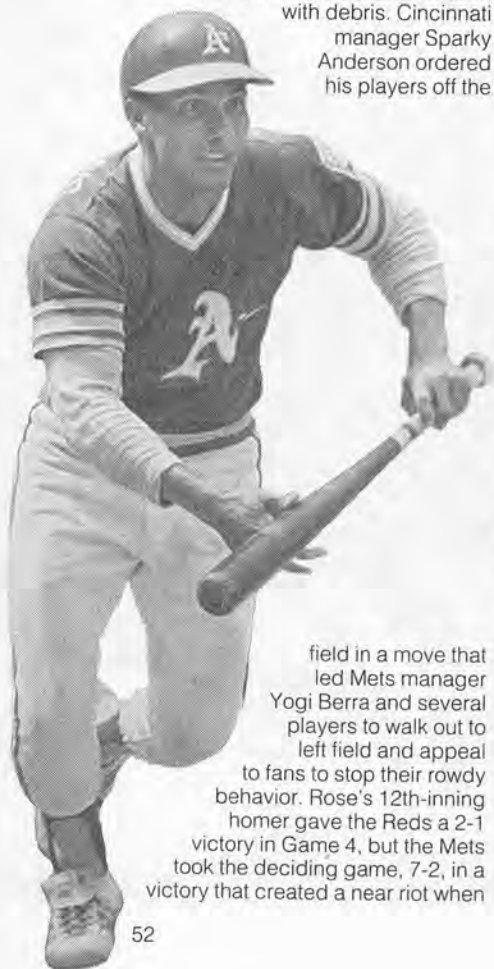
1980 PHILADELPHIA VS. HOUSTON

The same year the Royals won their first LCS, the Philadelphia Phillies were removing an albatross of their own. The Phils had lost back-to-back series to Los Angeles in 1977-78 and finished second to N.L. East champ Pittsburgh in 1979 before recapturing the division title in 1980. Philadelphia's LCS opponent was Houston, which had won the West in a one-game playoff with Los Angeles. The Phils-Astros series proved to be the most exciting and entertaining matchup in LCS history. The last four games of the series went extra innings, with such future Hall of Famers as Ryan, Rose, and Joe Morgan playing pivotal roles.

The Phils missed a chance to take a 2-0 lead in the series when third-base coach Lee Elia held Bake McBride at third on Lonnie Smith's single in the bottom of the ninth and the game tied, 3-3. The Astros survived the inning and scored four runs in the 10th en route to a 7-4 victory.

Morgan's leadoff triple and Denny Walling's sacrifice fly in the 11th accounted for the only

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field in a move that led Mets manager Yogi Berra and several players to walk out to left field and appeal to fans to stop their rowdy behavior. Rose's 12th-inning homer gave the Reds a 2-1 victory in Game 4, but the Mets took the deciding game, 7-2, in a victory that created a near riot when

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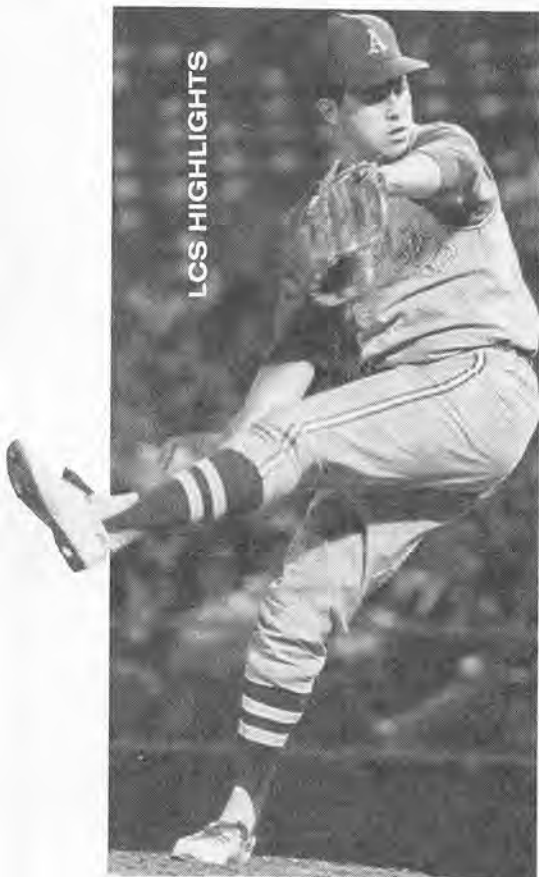
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run in Game 3, but the victory was a costly one for the Astros. They lost outfielder Cesar Ceno for the remainder of the series when he dislocated his ankle on a play at first base.

A phantom triple play, a base-running blunder, and a last-inning collision at home plate highlighted Game 4. After the Phils opened the fourth with back-to-back singles, Gary Maddox hit a line drive back to the mound. Vern Ruhle caught the ball and threw to first to complete an apparent double play, but Philadelphia players insisted Ruhle had trapped the ball. Replays from several angles were inconclusive. To complicate matters, Astros' first baseman Art Howe had touched second base during the confusion and claimed what would have been a triple play. Plate umpire Doug Harvey conferred with his fellow umpires and National League president Chub Feeney for 20 minutes before making a ruling.

"Maddox hit the ball and stepped in front of me," Harvey said. "There are runners out there wondering if it's a catch or a trap. My first reaction is no catch and I put my hands down to signal fair ball in play. But I see the pitcher throw to first as though he's going for the double play. I ask for help and they tell me the pitcher caught the ball and that's good enough for me." Since time had been called before Howe completed what would have been the first triple play in LCS history, Harvey ruled only two outs had been made.

The Astros eventually took a 2-0 lead in the game, but missed an opportunity for a potential pennant-winning run when Gary Woods was called out for tagging too soon on what would have been a sixth-inning sacrifice fly by Luis Pujols. The Phils took a 3-2 lead in the eighth, but the Astros scored a run in the ninth. Philadelphia ultimately won the game in

the 10th when Rose scored on a pinch-hit double by Greg Luzinski. Rose took advantage of the fact Bruce Bochy was the Astros' only remaining healthy catcher and bowled him over in a play reminiscent of his collision with Ray Fosse in the 1970 All-Star Game. "I had the advantage over Bochy," Rose said. "He couldn't brace for the throw. It was the only way I could reach the plate."

The Phils overcame a 5-2 deficit with a five-run rally against Ryan and the Astros in the eighth inning of Game 5, only to have the Astros score twice in their half of the eighth to send the game into extra innings. The Astros finally succumbed when Maddox delivered a game-winning double in the 10th.

"Everybody thought we were a team of destiny," said Astros' outfielder Terry Puhl, who hit .535 for the series. "But they were wrong. The Phillies were the team of destiny."

The following year, Rick Monday became the second player in LCS history to decide a pennant on a last-inning home run when he swatted a two-out pitch from Montreal's Steve Rogers over the fence at Olympic Stadium for a 2-1 Los Angeles victory in Game 5.



As disappointing as the loss was to the Expos, no teams would suffer more frustration in the 1980s than the Astros, the California Angels, and the Chicago Cubs.

CHAMPIONSHIP COLLAPSES

Few teams in history had received as much nationwide support as the downtrodden Cubs, who won the 1984 N.L. East and took the first two games of the playoffs against San Diego. Needing only one more victory, they lost the final three games in San Diego in the biggest NLCS collapse of all time. Garvey's two-run, ninth-inning homer gave the Padres a 7-5 victory in Game 4. "As soon as the ball went toward the fence, everything froze in time," Garvey said. "It was as if all sound stopped." The Cubs took a 3-0 lead into the

sixth inning of Game 5, only to watch in agony as San Diego rallied for six runs against eventual Cy Young Award winner Rick Sutcliffe.

Two years before, the Angels had established a record-setting collapse by blowing a 2-0 series edge in 1982 against Milwaukee. California, which had lost the 1979 ALCS to Baltimore, again was denied its first World Series trip when Cecil Cooper delivered a two-run single in the seventh for a 4-3 Milwaukee victory in Game 5. "I thought it might carry too far into left field and be the third out," Cooper admitted. "When it didn't, I had the most satisfying hit of my life."

The Angels' most frustrating series, however, was yet to come. California was only one



Catfish Hunter (far left), Pete Rose, and Joe Morgan (above) combined for 20 league championship series.

strike away from defeating Boston for the 1986 pennant when Dave Henderson hit a two-out, two-run homer in a game the Red Sox ultimately won, 7-6, in 10 innings. With the LCS having been expanded to a best-of-seven format the year before, Boston returned to Fenway Park and won the final two games to leave the Angels with the distinction of being the second consecutive American League club to blow a 3-1 series edge. Toronto had lost the final three games of its series with Kansas City the year before.

"It was like having that guy Michael Anthony from the [TV show] *Millionaire* come to your door with a check in his hand, only to find out he had the wrong address," said Jackson, who was making his 11th and final LCS appearance as baseball's venerable Mr. October.

Other vivid LCS memories in the 1980s include Jack Clark's pennant-winning homer for St. Louis against Los Angeles reliever Tom Niedenfuer in Game 6 in 1985, Minnesota's "Homer Hankies" and the Twins' stunning victory over Detroit in '87, and Dennis Eckersley's four saves for Oakland in the A's four-game sweep of Boston in '88.

Without question, there have been many memories during the 20-year history of the LCS. But the New York Mets' 16-inning classic against the Houston Astros remains the standard by which all future championship series moments will be measured.

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was a splendid self-portrait of a man of moderation who accepts his situation—good or bad—and goes about his business. When others portray him, he often is inaccurately characterized as a cold, professional introvert. The password to McReynolds's mind is said to be "Sssshh." Quiet certainly suits him. Aside from playing baseball, his favorite activities (playing cards, golf, hunting, fishing, and devouring pizza) often are done in relative quiet. As McReynolds says, "I'd rather hear the birds chirp, the squirrels squawk, and the ducks quack than hear the horns honk and the Iranians bitch." Is that a political statement? "It's self-explanatory," he says.

McReynolds's quiet demeanor, however, belies what's inside. There is a head and a heart and a strong pulse. He is aware of his image, appreciates it and even plays up to it. He had been tipped off by Rick Aguilera about the dead fish, so he knew not to overreact that day last spring. But as Dykstra later said, "I could've put a live grenade in there, man, and Mac probably wouldn't have acted any different. He's just low-key—lowest key."

"It's the way I've always been," McReynolds says. "My dad was that way. He never saw much benefit in getting all worked up about something. I don't either."

At times, teammates and people around the Mets have suggested McReynolds's key is too low, that he has taken moderation to an extreme. Last season, when that talented Mets team was sleepwalking through the summer with no input from an injured Keith

Hernandez and little from a slump-ridden Gary Carter, the whispered suggestions were that McReynolds was remiss in not taking a more active, visible and audible role in the clubhouse and in the dugout. One teammate lamented that McReynolds usually had dressed and departed before offering any sort of congratulations or support to teammates. "You could go 5-for-5 and feel like he didn't notice," the teammate said. "Even if he hung around, he didn't say much."

McReynolds conceded, "I could have become more vocal, but it's not natural for me." We know the man respects all that is natural.

Mets' vice-president Joe McIlvaine last summer characterized McReynolds as a "blue collar, lunch-bucket guy who shows up on time, does his work, and goes home when the whistle blows. You have to have some guys like that," McIlvaine said. And he noted McReynolds's low profile, professional approach to the job had been precisely what the team needed a year earlier, when the Mets were threatening to self-destruct. Wally Backman and Lee Mazzilli were pointing fingers in the summer of '87, and Darryl Strawberry was threatening physical reprisal. Mookie Wilson asked to be traded, and the starting pitchers were taking turns on the disabled list. Meanwhile, McReynolds was there quietly and regularly doing his job and going home.

"He was ideal then," McIlvaine said. "We didn't need someone else involved in all that. The situation changed this year. You can't expect him to be something he isn't. If your No. 1 pitcher gets hurt, you bring in another pitcher and hope someone gives you a No. 1 performance. You don't ask a second baseman to

pitch. The same thing here. We lost Keith, and Gary isn't the live wire he usually is because he's struggling. You hope someone else takes charge. But you can't expect Kevin to change and be something he isn't."

McReynolds is not all that fond of change in the first place. Having spent most of his life in his native Arkansas and only two seasons in the minor leagues, he had trouble adjusting to the not-so-big-city life in San Diego in 1983. In fact, he now says he became acclimated to the Mets in 1987 more quickly than to the Padres as a rookie.

When the Mets finally righted themselves late last August—mostly because of the tangible contributions of McReynolds and Mookie Wilson—there was no more talk of the intangibles McReynolds hadn't provided. Their perceptions no longer clouded by frustrations, his teammates saw him for what he was: the professional who, to that point, had produced five months of solid baseball—if no words and only few acts of inspiration. By season's end, Strawberry and he were seen as the team's most valuable players and subsequently placed second and third, respectively, to Kirk Gibson in the balloting for the National League MVP Award. A strong case could have been made for either Mets' outfielder.

Strawberry was the more feared batter and the force that most often prompted opposing managers to alter their strategy. "You make your game plan around Strawberry," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said last summer. "You don't let him beat you." And while Leyland did that, McReynolds drove in 10 runs in 66 at-bats against the Pirates, the Mets' closest pursuer. Strawberry, however, had flaws in his

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1988 performance, as did Gibson and Andy Van Slyke, the No. 4 finisher. Strawberry, the league home-run leader, became invisible in August, struck out 127 times, batted .201 with runners in scoring position, and allowed his defense to become a liability.

Gibson, for all his inspiration, still played the field poorly (12 errors and an arm that was exploited by base runners) and went south after August 20 (.203 batting average and 10 RBIs in the Dodgers' final 39 games), struck out 120 times, drove in merely 76 runs, and batted .234 with runners in scoring position.

Van Slyke, a Gold Glove performer, nonetheless was virtually a one-dimensional player for the equivalent of one-third of the season because of his poor production against left-handed pitching (a .191 average and 25 RBIs in 204 at-bats). He batted .235 with runners in scoring position.

McReynolds's shortcomings were not nearly so evident and he was endorsed by manager Dave Johnson, over Strawberry, as the team's MVP. After a productive first week, McReynolds slumped while Strawberry dented fences. McReynolds batted .274 through the Mets' first 41 games, during which they won 30 times and built a 5½-game lead. But he had just 15 RBIs to that point and had been woefully unproductive with runners in scoring position. His season took off shortly thereafter, following some strategy sessions with Johnson. "Davey just told me I was giving the pitchers too much credit," McReynolds said. "That I didn't have to go after the first pitch, that even the best pitchers are going to have to give you a decent pitch. I stopped being overanxious, and it worked."

McReynolds's RBI total stood at 47 by the All-Star break and a career-high 99 when the season ended. After driving in 34 runs in his first 249 at-bats, he drove in 65 in his final 303. And he raised his batting average with runners in scoring position to .317, highest among Mets' regulars and substantially higher than any of the other leading MVP candidates. He batted .288 with 27 home runs and scored 82 runs. Beyond that, he played brilliantly in left field, led the league in assists (18), stole 21 bases in 21 attempts, and, as the Mets' No. 5 batter, provided Strawberry ample protection.

For that work, McReynolds received four first-place votes in the balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. Inexplicably, he was omitted from four of the 24 ballots (which allow for 10 names). But typically, he was more flattered by the first-place support and third-place finish than he was offended by the four omissions. In his thinking, the glass clearly was three-quarters full and certainly not one-quarter empty. That performance, the finest of his five-year-plus career, also earned him a three-year, \$5.5 million contract that was drawn up over Christmas weekend. The glass was overflowing by then.

Certainly, it wasn't always overflowing for McReynolds. His father was a mechanic at a National Guard base, and by McReynolds's own admission, that family income made him the product of a lower-middle-class home. His father provided other riches, however, instilling in his son an abiding appreciation for nature and the outdoor life. McReynolds admits his ownership of a duck club, "The Double Deuce," some 85 miles outside Little Rock, is

as much a fulfillment of his childhood dream as was participating in the playoffs.

"You have to see his eyes light up when he's out there," said Selakovich. "There's real fire in them. He's happy when he's playing baseball. But the outdoors—his duck hunting and fishing—that's his No. 1 deal. You should see him with a rifle. He's Daniel Boone. He's probably a better shot than he is a ball player. People admire him for his skills and how he handles himself."

"I just do what's right," McReynolds says. "My dad taught me about the outdoors. Take care of it and it will take care of you. He always said to give something back. I try to do that so other people can get as much enjoyment out of it as I have."

He has made a habit of generously repaying since he became a major-league player. Selakovich estimates \$50,000 of the first \$235,000 his client earned with the Padres went to wildlife conservation and management in Arkansas. And McReynolds has continued that support by funding two annual scholarships for wildlife management, a conservation camp, and a new charitable foundation, administered by his wife, Jackie. Their involvement goes well beyond that. In Arkansas, McReynolds's work and support of the environment are appreciated as much as his baseball skills are in New York. In a state where duck hunting is more popular than golf is in suburbs, McReynolds is one of the high-profile citizens because of his involvement, concern, and love for what's around him.

"In Arkansas, Kevin's a hero for more than one reason," Selakovich said. "He stands for all the right things."

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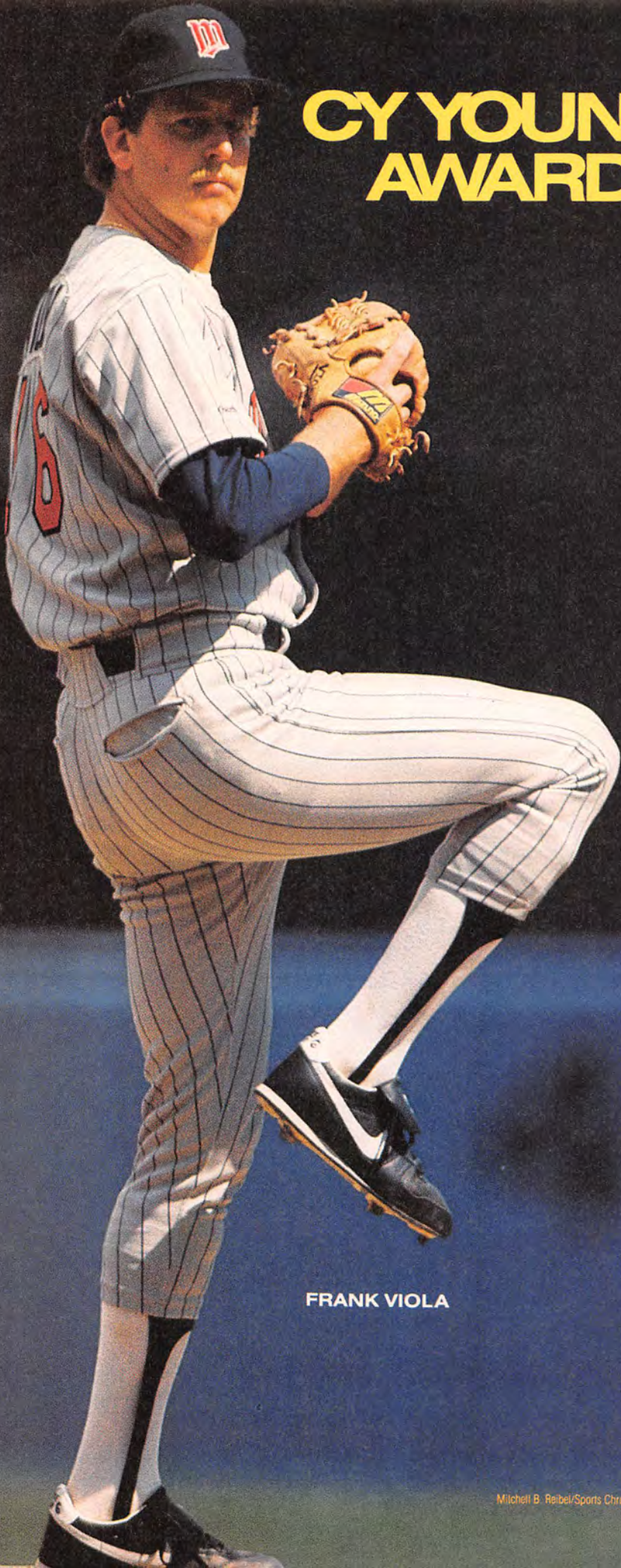
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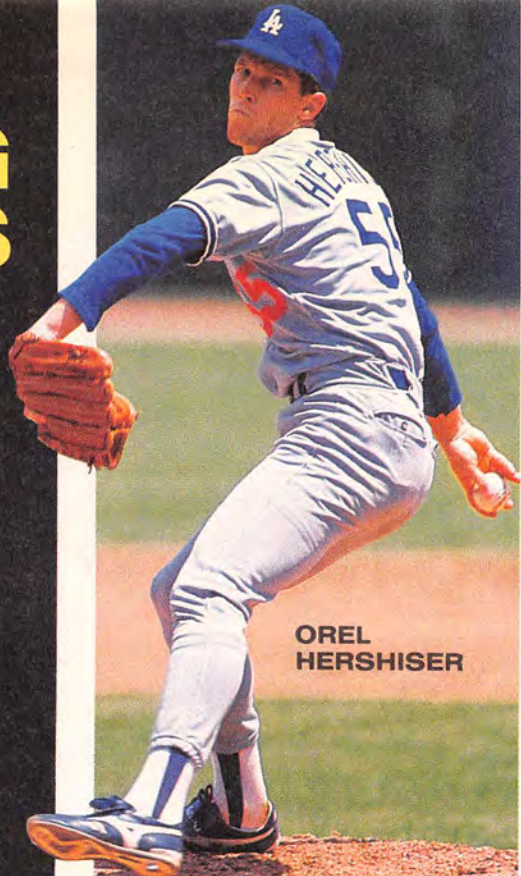
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After holding his opponents scoreless in the final month of the season, Orel Hershiser shut out the competition in the voting for the Cy Young Award. He received all 24 first-place votes and 120 points to become the National League's ninth unanimous winner.

Hershiser, 30, posted a 23-8 mark with a 2.26 earned-run average. He led the league in innings (267), complete games (15), and shutouts (8), finishing with 59 consecutive scoreless innings to break Don Drysdale's 20-year-old record. His remarkable success carried over to the postseason. He compiled a 1.09 ERA in a playoff-high 24 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, started Games 1 and 3, saved Game 4, shut out the New York Mets in Game 7 for the pennant, and was named the Most Valuable Player. Against Oakland in the World Series, Hershiser won both his starts, including a four-hit shutout in the fifth and final game, batted 1.000, and took home his second MVP award.

Danny Jackson, in his first year in the National League with the Cincinnati Reds, finished second in the voting (54 points). The Mets' David Cone, Jackson's former teammate on the Kansas City Royals, closed out the election with 42 points.

Frank Viola of the Minnesota Twins was not a unanimous winner in the American League, but his margin of victory was larger than Hershiser's. He collected all but one of the 28 first-place ballots and 138 points. Dennis Eckersley of Oakland received one vote for first and 52 points. He was followed by Mark Gubicza of Kansas City (26 points), Dave Stewart of Oakland (16), and Bruce Hurst (12) and Roger Clemens (8) of the Boston Red Sox.

Viola, 28, picked up where he finished a year earlier, when he was named the Most Valuable Player in the World Series. He led the majors with 24 victories (against 7 losses) and compiled a 2.64 ERA in 255 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. The starter and winner in last summer's All-Star game, Viola has won more games over the past five seasons than any pitcher in baseball.

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**Kirby Puckett
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a right-handed
hitter in 47 years.**

● To the major-league all-stars who played there during a 10-day, seven-game goodwill tour last November, Tokyo's domed stadium, known affectionately as "The Big Egg," is basically a Far East version of Minneapolis's Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. The puffy white inflatable roof is the same, the lighting is the same, the artificial turf is similar with only a little less bounce.

One notable difference: the outfield walls are 20 feet high and solid, all the way around, which deprived a fellow named Kirby Puckett of the flashy, homer-stealing catches he almost routinely makes off the flexible, vinyl eight-foot fences at the Metrodome.

Those walls, however, didn't cheat Puckett out of thrills during batting practice. In fact, before one of the final exhibitions, the Minnesota Twins' center fielder dazzled the Japanese crowd with a single mighty swing. He drove a pitch beyond the wall, beyond some seats, to a distant billboard, slamming the baseball off a car window in a Nissan ad, reportedly some 500 feet away. Immediately, it brought back memories of a slugging exhibition two years ago, when Puckett's blasts out of Tinker Field, the Twins' spring training park in Orlando, Fla., summoned a police sergeant who threatened to arrest Puckett for shattering windshields in an adjacent parking lot.

"Everybody was looking, the crowd went 'Aaaaaahhhhh!' and Sparky [Anderson, manager of the team] gave me a high five," said Puckett. "He said, 'You are some strong!'"

The people of Japan were equally impressed. The Minnesota mighty mite was one of the most popular Americans on the tour, about the biggest thing to hit Tokyo since Godzilla. Or Raymond Burr.

"He's popular wherever he goes," said Twins' catcher Tim Laudner, who also made the trip. "He runs so well, he's so strong, and he's such a small package. He was a short sumo wrestler to them."

"It was a lot of fun," Puckett said of the tour. "They were real nice to me. Everywhere, it was 'Puckett-san, Puckett-san.' All I had to do was wave and they went nuts. I was the big one there after Orel Hershisier left [early]. My size was the big thing to them."

Actually, Puckett's size is both a big and a little thing. He is one part cannonball, one part fire hydrant. At 5-8 and 210 pounds, he has the neck of a wrestler, the chest of a heavy-weight boxer, the rear end of a nose tackle, the thighs of a fullback, and the height of a jockey. In all three dimensions, he makes Spud Webb look like Manute Bol.

Another Japan highlight also came during warmups. With center fielders Willie McGee and Ellis Burks along for the tour, Puckett had

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STREET AND SMITH'S BASEBALL

Andy Van Slyke set career-high batting marks and finished fourth in the N.L. MVP race.

As long as there are baseball games to be played, scouts, managers and fans will keep searching for the perfect player. Jim Leyland, the manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, thinks he has found a player who is almost as perfect as you can get.

"There really are no perfect players, but Andy Van Slyke is close," Leyland said. "I guess that's probably the best compliment I can pay him. He can hit home runs and drive in runs. He can steal bases and is a great base runner. He is the best defensive center fielder in the league. He's got a great attitude and work habits."

Van Slyke also was, in Leyland's opinion, the best player in the National League in 1988. "There's no doubt in my mind he was the most complete player," Leyland said. "That's taking nothing away from Kirk Gibson and Darryl Strawberry. There are a lot of great players. But he turned in the best performance of any everyday player in the league in 1988."

How good was Van Slyke's performance last year? He set career highs in at-bats, runs (101), hits (169), triples (15), home runs (25), RBIs (100)—and strikeouts (126). He became the first Pirate to score and drive in at least 100 runs since Dave Parker in 1978. He was named to the All-Star team for the first time, he threw out nine runners at the plate, won his first Gold Glove, and finished fourth in the MVP race, an award his former manager, Whitey Herzog, said he should have won.

All of that came in just his second season with the Pirates, who acquired Van Slyke from the St. Louis Cardinals in a four-player trade on April Fools' Day, 1987. The deal stunned Van Slyke, who had been the sixth overall pick in the 1979 draft. He had been with the Cardinals for four seasons, joining the team the day Keith Hernandez was traded to the New York Mets. But he had always been a platoon player, longing to play every day but never truly getting that chance. He had played well in 1986, leading the Cardinals in home runs and total bases and tying for the team lead in RBIs despite starting just 108 games. He had enjoyed a good spring, and thought 1987 was going to be an even better year, one in which he would finally convince management that he deserved the opportunity to be the Cardinals' everyday right fielder.

Informed by Herzog that he, catcher Mike LaValliere, and minor-league pitching prospect Mike Dunne were being sent to the Pirates for catcher Tony Pena, Van Slyke took the news hard. "I had always prayed that I would play every day, but I assumed God knew I meant in St. Louis," he said, "It

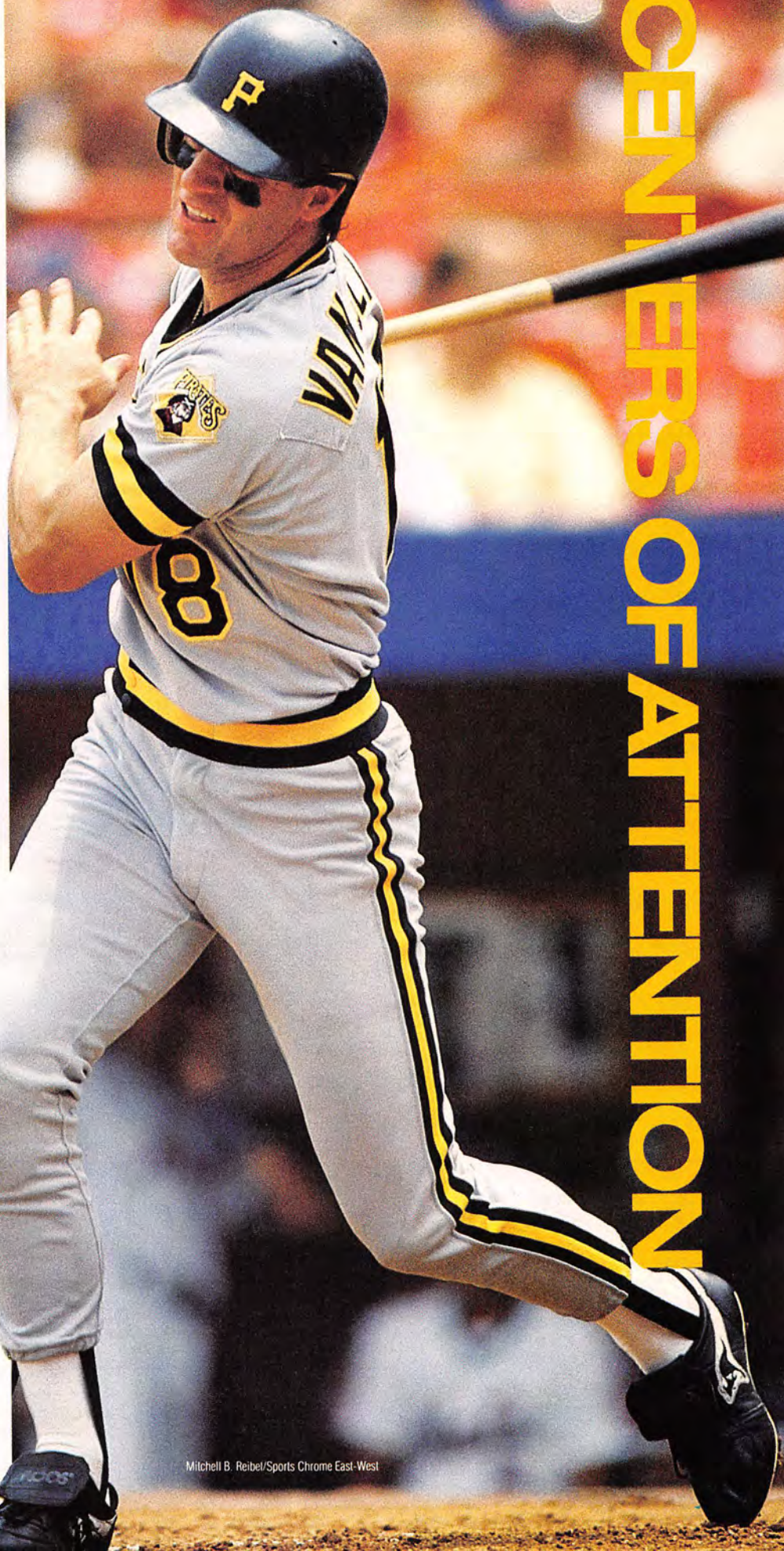
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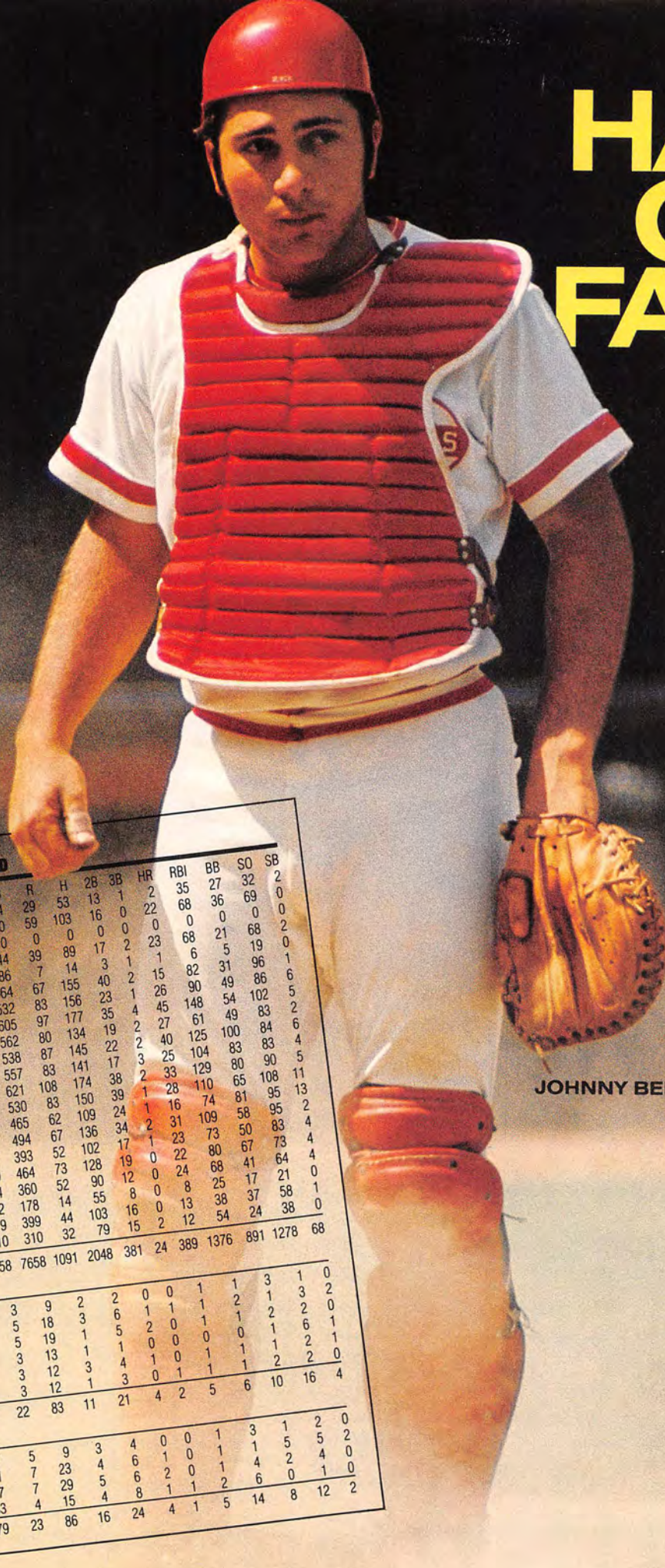
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HALL OF FAME



JOHNNY BENCH

JOHNNY BENCH'S CAREER RECORD

JOHNNY BENCH'S CAREER RECORD														
YEAR	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	
1965	Tampa	.248	68	214	29	53	13	1	2	35	27	32	2	
1966	Peninsula	.294	98	350	59	103	16	0	22	68	36	69	0	
1966	Buffalo	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1966	Buffalo	.259	98	344	39	89	17	2	23	68	21	68	2	
1967	Buffalo	.163	26	86	7	14	3	1	1	6	5	19	1	
1967	Cincinnati	.275	154	564	67	155	40	2	15	82	31	96	6	
1968	Cincinnati	.275	148	532	83	156	23	1	26	90	49	86	5	
1969	Cincinnati	.293	158	605	97	177	35	4	45	148	54	102	2	
1970	Cincinnati	.293	158	605	97	177	35	4	45	148	54	102	2	
1970	Cincinnati	.238	149	562	80	134	19	2	27	61	49	83	4	
1971	Cincinnati	.270	147	538	87	145	22	2	40	125	100	84	6	
1972	Cincinnati	.270	147	538	87	145	22	2	40	125	100	84	6	
1972	Cincinnati	.253	152	557	83	141	17	3	25	104	83	83	4	
1973	Cincinnati	.280	160	621	108	174	38	2	33	129	80	90	5	
1974	Cincinnati	.283	142	530	83	150	39	1	28	110	65	108	11	
1975	Cincinnati	.283	142	530	83	150	39	1	28	110	65	108	11	
1975	Cincinnati	.234	135	465	62	109	24	1	16	74	81	95	13	
1976	Cincinnati	.234	135	465	62	109	24	1	16	74	81	95	13	
1976	Cincinnati	.275	142	494	67	136	34	2	31	109	58	95	2	
1977	Cincinnati	.260	120	393	52	102	17	1	23	73	50	83	4	
1978	Cincinnati	.260	120	393	52	102	17	1	23	73	50	83	4	
1978	Cincinnati	.276	130	464	73	128	19	0	22	80	67	73	4	
1979	Cincinnati	.276	130	464	73	128	19	0	22	80	67	73	4	
1980	Cincinnati	.250	114	360	52	90	12	0	24	68	41	64	4	
1980	Cincinnati	.250	114	360	52	90	12	0	24	68	41	64	4	
1981	Cincinnati	.309	52	178	14	55	8	0	8	25	17	21	0	
1981	Cincinnati	.309	52	178	14	55	8	0	8	25	17	21	0	
1982	Cincinnati	.258	119	399	44	103	16	0	13	38	37	58	1	
1982	Cincinnati	.258	119	399	44	103	16	0	13	38	37	58	1	
1983	Cincinnati	.255	110	310	32	79	15	2	12	54	24	38	0	
1983	Cincinnati	.255	110	310	32	79	15	2	12	54	24	38	0	
Major League Totals			267	2158	7658	1091	2048	381	24	389	1376	891	1278	68

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

1970	Cincinnati	.222	3	9	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	0
1972	Cincinnati	.333	5	18	3	6	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2
1973	Cincinnati	.263	5	19	1	5	2	0	1	1	1	2	2	0
1975	Cincinnati	.077	3	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1
1976	Cincinnati	.333	3	12	3	4	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	0
1979	Cincinnati	.250	3	12	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	0
Totals			253	22	83	11	21	4	2	5	6	10	16	4

WORLD SERIES

1979..... Cincinnati.....	.253	22	83	11	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	0
Totals												
WORLD SERIES												
1970..... Cincinnati.....	.211	5	9	3	4	0	0	1	3	1	2	0
1972..... Cincinnati.....	.261	7	23	4	6	1	0	1	1	5	5	2
1975..... Cincinnati.....	.207	7	29	5	6	2	0	1	4	2	4	0
1976..... Cincinnati.....	.533	4	15	4	8	1	1	2	6	0	1	0
Totals	.279	23	86	16	24	4	1	5	14	8	12	2

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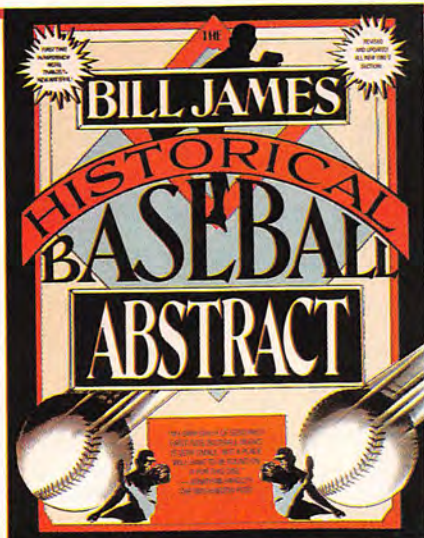


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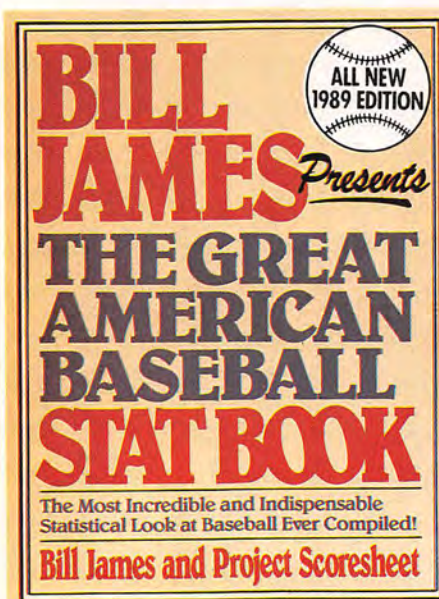
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YEAR	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB			
1959	Raleigh	.377	120	451	87	170	34	6	15	100	78	49	16			
1960	Minneapolis	.339	148	570	84	193	36	8	7	69	47	65	16			
1961	Boston	.266	148	583	71	155	31	6	11	80	50	96	6			
1962	Boston	.296	160	646	99	191	43	6	19	94	66	82	7			
1963	Boston	.321	151	570	91	183	40	3	14	68	95	72	8			
1964	Boston	.289	151	567	77	164	29	9	15	67	75	90	6			
1965	Boston	.312	133	494	78	154	45	3	20	72	70	58	7			
1966	Boston	.278	160	594	81	165	39	2	16	80	84	60	8			
1967	Boston	.326	161	579	112	189	31	4	44	121	91	69	10			
1968	Boston	.301	157	539	90	162	32	2	23	74	119	90	13			
1969	Boston	.255	162	603	96	154	28	2	40	111	101	91	15			
1970	Boston	.329	161	566	125	186	29	0	40	102	128	66	23			
1971	Boston	.254	148	508	75	129	21	2	15	70	106	60	8			
1972	Boston	.264	125	455	70	120	18	2	12	68	67	44	5			
1973	Boston	.296	152	540	82	160	25	4	19	95	105	58	9			
1974	Boston	.301	148	515	93	155	25	2	15	79	104	48	12			
1975	Boston	.269	149	543	91	146	30	1	14	60	87	67	8			
1976	Boston	.267	155	546	71	146	23	2	21	102	80	67	5			
1977	Boston	.296	150	558	99	165	27	3	28	102	73	40	11			
1978	Boston	.277	144	523	70	145	21	2	17	81	76	44	4			
1979	Boston	.270	147	518	69	140	28	1	21	87	62	46	3			
1980	Boston	.275	105	364	49	100	21	1	15	50	44	38	0			
1981	Boston	.246	91	338	36	83	14	1	7	53	49	28	0			
1982	Boston	.275	131	459	53	126	22	1	16	72	59	50	0			
1983	Boston	.266	119	380	38	101	24	0	10	56	54	29	0			
Major League Totals		.285	3308	11,988	1816	3419	646	59	452	1844	1845	1393	168			
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES																
1975	Boston	.455	3	11	4	5	1	0	1	2	1	1	0			
WORLD SERIES																
1967	Boston	.400	7	25	4	10	2	0	3	5	4	1	0			
1975	Boston	.310	7	29	7	9	0	0	0	4	4	1	0			
Totals		.352	14	54	11	19	2	0	3	9	8	2	0			

● Five years after retiring together, Johnny Bench and Carl Yastrzemski received baseball's highest honor. They will enter Cooperstown this summer as the Hall of Fame's class of 1989—the 18th and 19th players to be selected in their first year of eligibility.

A total of 336 votes, or 75 percent of the 447 cast, was needed for election. Bench collected 431 (96.4%)—only Ty Cobb (98.2%) in 1936 and Hank Aaron (97.8%) in 1982 had a higher percentage—and Yastrzemski 423 (94.6%). Two other first-time nominees, pitchers Gaylord Perry (304 votes) and Ferguson Jenkins (234), finished third and fifth, respectively, in the balloting. Jim Bunning, in his 13th year of eligibility, placed fourth (283), with 34 fewer votes than he received in '88.

A native of Oklahoma City, OK, Bench was a second-round draft pick in June of 1965. He began his 17-year career with the Cincinnati Reds late in 1967, and the following season he earned National League Rookie of the Year honors. He quickly established himself as the premier catcher of his time, leading the Big Red Machine to six division titles, four pennants, and two World Series championships in the seventies. Fourteen times an All-Star, he won 10 Gold Gloves and two Most Valuable Player awards. Along the way, Bench hit 389 home runs, a record 327 as a catcher, and caught 1,744 games. But the strain of over 100 games behind the plate for 13 consecutive seasons began to catch up to him, and in his later years he saw duty at third base and as a pinch hitter. Celebrated by the Reds and their fans with a special day in September of his final year, Bench responded in storybook fashion by belting his final home run.

Yastrzemski, of Southampton, NY, was the game's most durable performer, with 3,308 games in his 23 years with the Boston Red Sox. The fourth player—after Stan Musial, Willie Mays and Aaron—and the only American Leaguer with 400 home runs and 3,000 hits, Yaz collected 100 or more hits a record-tying 22 times, won three batting titles, a triple crown and a Most Valuable Player award, and was named to 18 All-Star Games. In 1967, he led the A.L. in batting (.326), home runs (44, a tie with Harmon Killebrew), RBIs (121), hits (189), runs (112), total bases (360), and slugging (.622) as he carried the Red Sox and insured the Impossible Dream team a pennant with a 7-for-8 performance in the final two games of the season.

1989 HALL OF FAME VOTING

(336 votes necessary for election)

Johnny Bench 431	Mickey Lolich 47
Carl Yastrzemski 423	Luis Tiant 47
Gaylord Perry 304	Joe Torre 40
Jim Bunning 283	Dick Allen 35
Ferguson Jenkins 234	Vada Pinson 33
Orlando Cepeda 176	Thurman Munson 31
Tony Oliva 135	Bobby Bonds 29
Bill Mazeroski 134	Curt Flood 27
Harvey Kuenn 115	Sparky Lyle 25
Maury Wills 95	Bert Campaneris 14
Jim Kaat 87	Wilbur Wood 14
Ron Santo 75	Manny Mota 9
Ken Boyer 62	Bobby Murcer 3
Minnie Minoso 59	Don Money 1
Elroy Face 47	Gene Tenace 1

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**He made just four errors
last season, yet
somehow Frank White
did not win a record
ninth Gold Glove.**

by GERARD KAVANAGH

● Shortly after the All-Star break last summer, Bill Buckner approached his Kansas City teammate Frank White. "Are you ever going to miss a ball?" he asked incredulously. "I've never seen a guy not miss a ball, not kick a ball around." Buckner continued to monitor the second baseman and in awe at the conclusion of the season told White: "You're unbelievable. I've never seen anything like it."

What Buckner had witnessed was perhaps the most remarkable season any second baseman had ever enjoyed. Frank White, in 148 games, had not mishandled a ground ball, had not dropped a popup. He made just four errors all year—all on throws. His .994 percentage topped all players at his position in both leagues.

How bitterly ironic that Buckner, according to White, was the only member of the Royals to recognize his accomplishment. For despite close to 2,700 hits and counting in a distinguished career, Buckner will forever be remembered for one defensive lapse: a ground ball that rolled through his legs at first base and gave the New York Mets a victory over Boston in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series. Had the American League managers and coaches had Buckner's appreciation for fielding excellence, they might have voted White an award he rightfully earned and truly would have cherished: a ninth Gold Glove.

Yet somehow White, 38, who for 15 years has converted grounders, line drives, and pop flies into harmless outs, has turned the double plays and saved his pitchers an untold number of runs, and has robbed opponents of countless hits—somehow he had his most prestigious honor stolen from him. A ninth Gold Glove would have been unprecedented at his position, would have broken a record he shares with former Pirate great Bill Mazeroski. "It would have been the crowning point on my career," admitted White. But American League managers and coaches inexplicably bestowed the award on Seattle's Harold Reynolds, who committed 18 errors and compiled a fielding percentage of .977, which placed him 10th in the A.L. and 17th among all second basemen who appeared in at least 100 games in 1988.

Reynolds played in 158 games and had 10 more putouts than White, 45 more assists, 69 more total chances, and turned 23 more double plays. We'll leave the range factor and all other arcane and dubious fielding formulas to the pedants who would argue that Reynolds is the superior defender. You see, we know Frank White. We've seen Frank White play. And Harold, you're no Frank White.

There is grumbling every year about the All-Star selections by the fans, who sometimes disregard the most deserving players and vote instead for their favorites. Among the Baseball Writers Association of America there is often disagreement over the major awards. Last year, for example, four members overlooked the contributions of the Mets' Kevin McReynolds, omitting him completely from the MVP ballot that allows for 10 names.

As for the Gold Glove, Reynolds received 33 votes, to 31 for White, 7 for Boston's Marty Barrett, 4 for Detroit's Lou Whitaker, 3 for Chicago's Fred Manrique, 2 for New York's Willie Randolph, and 1 each for Baltimore's Billy Ripken and Oakland's Glenn Hubbard.

"If nothing else, that lets the fans know that just because you have a uniform on, doesn't necessarily mean you know what you're talking about," said a disappointed White.

"It's such an injustice, and maybe the injustice is not in my not winning, but in the coaches and managers who voted for platoon players. When Fred Manrique [twice as many errors as White in 179 fewer chances] gets three votes and Glenn Hubbard [six errors in 255 fewer chances than White] gets a vote... these guys didn't play every day! If I was just plain overshadowed by the play of Harold or any second baseman, then I could understand. If I was a statue on second—not showing any range or the ability to turn a double play, or not showing any depth in the outfield on popups—that would be fine. But I outplayed every second baseman in the major leagues and I've never, ever, since I've been in baseball, said how good I really thought I was. I've always been the humble Frank White, and I think that's probably hurt me."

"Not many headlines, not a lot of publicity," agreed Brewers' GM Harry Dalton. "Frank White is a star player who doesn't get a lot of all-star recognition. He's so smooth, so understated—and one of the reasons the Royals were so good."

What could the managers and coaches—who cannot vote for their own players—have been thinking as they cast their ballots for the Gold Glove?

"Maybe some of them don't take the voting seriously," offered White. "At least when the fans are picking, they're picking for popularity, they're picking because of their hometown players—but they're picking for a reason. When the writers do it, they're going through and looking at the statistics of each player and what he has accomplished."

What has Frank White accomplished? For starters, he is the proverbial hometown hero. After attending Lincoln High School in Kansas City, he was selected for the Royals Academy following a tryout in 1970 among hundreds of candidates at the old Municipal Stadium. Signed to a pro contract by Syd Thrift in 1973, White became the first graduate of the Academy to be invited to Kansas City's training camp. He made his major-league debut that same summer, and 15 years later is the Royals' all-time leader in games (2,107). Among active players, only Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt, Boston's Dwight Evans, and Milwaukee's Robin Yount have seen more service with one team. A two-time Royals' Player of the Year, White has been in five All-Star Games ("Playing for Dick Howser in '86 and hitting a home run off Mike Scott was a high point"), six championship series (he was the MVP vs. the Yankees in '80), and two World Series (Remember the picture-perfect relay—Willie Wilson to White to George Brett—that cut down Willie McGee at third base in Game 1 against the Cardinals in '85?).

For all that, though, White has performed in relative obscurity, having been overshadowed on the Royals' championship teams in 1980 by Brett, who came close to hitting .400, and in '85 by Bret Saberhagen, who won the Cy Young Award and MVP in the Series.

"I don't know how you get recognition," said White. "It's supposed to come from just play-

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Chuck Klein of the Phillies hit 65 home runs in his first 1,000 at-bats.

ON THE MARK

These batters
came out slugging right
from the start.

by BILL DEANE

Oakland's Mark McGwire entered the 1988 season on a pace to shatter an all-time record. He had hit 52 home runs in 610 times at bat, and was well within striking distance of the mark for most homers in a player's first 1,000 at-bats. But McGwire struggled early on, perhaps under the pressures of the "sophomore jinx," and reached his millesimal at-bat last August with 71 homers—a fine total, but four short of the record.

Who holds this imposing mark? Not Babe Ruth, who swatted a mere 38 home runs in his first 1,000 tries, nor Hank Aaron, who hammered but 40. Instead, it's a barely remembered clouter of the 1960s, Jim Gentile, who finished with just 179 career homers. We'll get to him shortly.

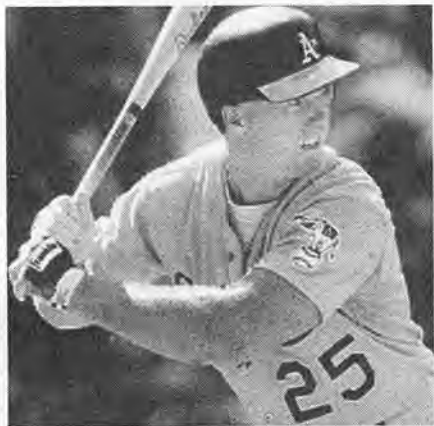
Ruth, incidentally, atoned for his modest start by bashing an incredible 113 homers in his second 1,000 at-bats. But the first man to make a significant impact on the home-run column right off the bat was Chuck Klein in 1928–30. The Phillies' lefty accumulated 65 (and 295 other hits) in his first 1,000 opportunities. Klein benefited greatly from his home stadium, a bandbox called Baker Bowl. The park measured just 280½ feet down the right-field line and, more significantly, 300 feet to the right-center power alley. During his meteoric career, Klein batted .397 and slugged .708 at Baker Bowl, with modest figures of .277 and .450 in all other parks.

Joe DiMaggio in 1937 became the first player to challenge Klein's standard, winding up with 61 homers in his first 1,000 trips. That

same year, a rookie catcher/third baseman from Alabama was setting the American League on its ear. Rudy York, the Detroit Tigers' part-Cherokee slugger, tomahawked 18 home runs in August—a monthly record which still stands. Though he played in just 104 games that season, he collected 35 homers and 103 RBIs, posting a slugging average of .651. A year later he belted 33 more homers and drove in 127 runs in 135 games. Despite a slow start in 1939, York attained the 1,000-at bat plateau with a total of 74 home runs, breaking Klein's record with plenty to spare. York completed a respectable career nine years later, but he never matched his early fence-busting heroics.

Nor did anybody else in the next two decades. The most powerful starts during this period were by Ralph Kiner (64 homers in his first 1,000 at-bats), Hank Sauer (61), Ed Mathews (65), Willie Mays (60), Harmon Killebrew (62), Dick Stuart (60), and Norm Cash (63). Then came the champion of them all.

James Edward Gentile was a big, left-handed-hitting first baseman who languished in the Dodgers' system for many years (gathering 208 minor-league homers). His first big-league hit was a home run for Brooklyn in 1957. But first base for the Dodgers was ably covered by Gil Hodges, and a promising prospect in the wings, Norm Larker, at last made Gentile expendable. He was conditionally purchased by Baltimore in the fall of 1959, finally to get his chance at age 26. Gentile



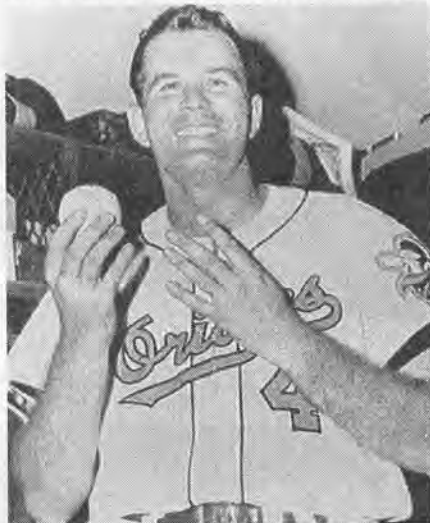
recorded just 384 times at bat for the Orioles in 1960, but he still cracked 21 homers and knocked in 98 runs, helping to propel the perennial second-division club all the way to second place.

Many people remember the bitter, still-debated 1961 A.L. MVP race between Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle, New York Yankee teammates on what may have been the greatest club ever. The two challenged Babe Ruth's home-run record of 60 all season, Maris breaking it with 61 (.269 batting average), Mantle settling for 54 (.317). When the MVP ballots were counted, Maris had edged out Mantle, 202 points to 198. But few recall that Jim Gentile received five of the 20 first-place MVP votes that year—think about that—winding up third with 157 points. Gentile's credentials: 46 home runs (including five grand slams), 141 runs driven in (more than 20 percent of his team's total), a batting average of .302, and a slugging percentage of .646.

Amazingly, 30 of his homers were hit on the road, a total just two behind the all-time record. Had Gentile played in a home park more conducive to long-ball hitting than Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, he, too, might have challenged Ruth's record!

Gentile reached his 1,000th major-league at-bat early in the 1962 season, having amassed 75 home runs. Unbeknownst to him, or probably anyone else, Diamond Jim had surpassed a record set a generation earlier, and established one that would still stand a generation later. Gentile "slipped" to 33 homers in '62 (23 on the road), then bounced around to Kansas City, Houston, and Cleveland before his big-league career ended just four years later at age 32.

The chart (next page) lists the players who have hit as many as 60 home runs in their first 1,000 at-bats. All 23 played after 1920, but the great majority emerged during the past three decades. In fact, six of the top ten were active



Jim Gentile (above) hit 75 home runs in his first 1,000 at-bats, Rudy York (below) 74, and Mark McGwire 71.



in 1988: Ken Phelps (Yankees), Eric Davis (Reds), Bob Horner (Cardinals), Rob Deer (Brewers), Ron Kittle (Indians), and McGwire. At least three factors favor the modern hitters in this category:

PHYSICAL MATURITY

Most power hitters don't mature physically until they are 23 or 24. Mantle, Mays, and Aaron were in the majors by age 20, playing well but hitting just 15-25 homers for a few seasons until they blossomed. Today, rookies are a few years older. There are more players going to college before turning pro, plus there are no longer the signing-bonus rules which rushed many a player into the majors before he was ready. As a result, a fully developed Mark McGwire can step into the big show at age 23 and tear up the league.

PLATOONING

A strategy revived by Casey Stengel in the 1950s, platooning allows the raw slugger to bat against only the pitchers he is most likely to hit well. Among the beneficiaries of this practice were lefties Don Mincher, Willie McCovey, John Blanchard, and even Gentile (who was once benched against a southpaw the day after hitting two grand slams). Phelps is the most recent example.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ONE-DIMENSIONAL SLUGGER

At one time, home-run hitters were frowned upon. In the quarter century after Babe Ruth proved that slugging could be both glamorous and profitable, a host of others imitated his hitting philosophy with varying degrees of success: Rogers Hornsby, Mel Ott, Klein, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, Hank Greenberg, DiMaggio, and Ted Williams. But each managed to accompany his lofty home-run totals with a batting average of at least .320.

Then came Ralph Kiner. He broke into the majors in 1946 by winning the N.L. home-run title, despite batting a meager .247 and leading the league in strikeouts. Ralph's frequently attributed slogan was "home-run hitters drive Cadillacs, singles' hitters drive Fords." Kiner went on to capture seven consecutive homer crowns and earn enough to drive whatever he chose. His career average of .279, however, paled in com-

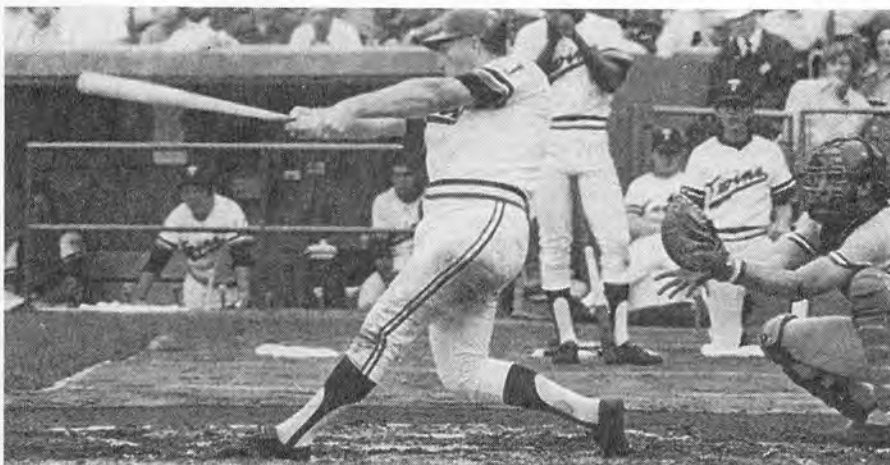
parison with those of the other great sluggers of his time and before.

Since then, the acceptance levels of "one-dimensional" sluggers' performances (due partly to expansion) have sunk lower and lower. This phenomenon is best exemplified in comparing Kiner's performance with those of a succession of other leading right-handed hitters, whose surnames coincidentally begin with "Ki." Call them the "Killer Ki's."

For most of the 23 players on the all-time list, the home field was not a significant factor in accumulating a bushel of taters. Notable exceptions were the cozy confines enjoyed by Klein, Sauer (Crosley and Wrigley Fields), Cash (Tiger Stadium), Blanchard (Yankee Stadium's right-field line), Phelps (Seattle's Kingdome), and the luckiest of them all, Horner. Of the 71 homers registered in Horner's first 1,000 tries, 50 were hit at Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium. On the other hand, several players made the list despite playing half their games in poor launching pads: Gentile, DiMaggio (Yankee Stadium's "Death Valley" in left center), Mathews (Milwaukee's County Stadium), Stuart (Forbes Field), and McGwire (Oakland's Alameda County Coliseum).

Of the 16 retired players on the chart, only five managed to match or exceed their early home-run paces throughout the rest of their careers: Dave Kingman, Kiner, McCovey, Killebrew, and Mays. Of the rest, the biggest plunges were suffered by York (from 74 to 42 per 1,000), Mincher (71-43), Blanchard (60-36), Klein (65-43), and Gentile (75-54).

One player figures to join the honor roll in 1989: Toronto's Fred McGriff, who enters the season with 54 home runs in 836 times at bat (a pace of 65). The lefty DH/first baseman quietly finished second in the A.L. in both homers and slugging average last year.



Fast starts by the Killer Ki's:
Harmon Killebrew (top), Dave
Kingman, and Ralph Kiner (below)

MOST HOME RUNS FIRST 1,000 AT-BATS

player	year	hr
Jim Gentile*	1962	75
Rudy York	1939	74
Ken Phelps*	1987	74
Eric Davis	1987	72
Don Mincher*	1965	71
Bob Horner	1980	71
Mark McGwire	1988	71
Rob Deer	1987	68
Reggie Jackson*	1969	67
Ron Kittle	1984	67
Chuck Klein*	1930	65
Ed Mathews*	1953	65
Dave Kingman	1974	65
Ralph Kiner	1947	64
Norm Cash*	1961	63
Willie McCovey*	1962	63
Harmon Killebrew	1960	62
Joe DiMaggio	1937	61
Hank Sauer	1949	61
Willie Mays	1954	60
Dick Stuart	1960	60
John Blanchard*	1964	60
Larry Sheets*	1987	60

*Bats Left-Handed

THE KILLER KI'S

player	years	hr%	avg	oba	slg	so%
Ralph Kiner	1946-55	7.1	.279	.398	.548	14.4
Harmon Killebrew	1954-75	7.0	.256	.379	.509	20.9
Dave Kingman	1971-86	6.6	.236	.302	.478	27.2
Ron Kittle	1982-	6.7	.237	.298	.476	27.9



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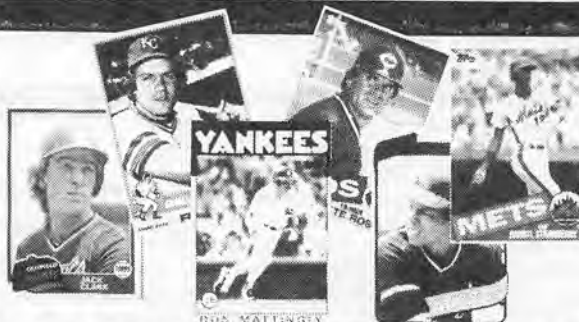
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WORLD SERIES ROOKIES

by CHUCK PICKARD

The story line in the 1988 World Series centered on the Los Angeles Dodgers overcoming long odds against a formidable opponent, the Oakland Athletics; the play within the play dealt with the remarkable pitching performance sustained by Orel Hershiser. The injury-riddled Dodgers beat the A's in five games to become champions and Hershiser, with two of the victories, picked up his second Most Valuable Player Award of the postseason. Affectionately called "Bulldog" because of his competitive nature, Hershiser tossed a record 59 consecutive scoreless innings in September, shut down the New York Mets for

the National League pennant, and permitted just seven hits and two runs in winning Games 2 and 5 in the Series.

As spectacular as Hershiser was, he was not without a supporting cast in the World Series. There was Kirk Gibson limping off the bench to deliver a two-out, two-run game-winning homer in the ninth inning of the opener. Mickey Hatcher emerged from his utility role during the regular season to lead both teams at the plate with a .368 average and was the only player on either side to hit two home runs. And pitcher Tim Lincecum added his name to the long list of rookies who have made their mark in Series competition. *continued*

Joe DiMaggio played in 10 World Series for the Yankees and enjoyed his best performance as a rookie in 1936.



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Belcher made an early exit in Game 1 after serving up a grand-slam home run to Jose Canseco in the second inning. The big right-hander got his act together in Game 4, though, by registering seven strikeouts before running into trouble in the seventh inning. But Jay Howell, like Belcher a former member of the A's organization, preserved the 4-3 victory by retiring Mark McGwire with the bases loaded to end the threat.

Walt Weiss proved less impressive as the A's rookie shortstop. He had only an infield single to show for 16 at-bats, and that came off Belcher in the seventh inning of Game 4. Earlier in that same game, Weiss muffed Mike Davis's liner, enabling Franklin Stubbs to score the Dodgers' third run. It was his first error since July 8. Despite batting .063 in the Series, Weiss could still look down on McGwire and Canseco, who hit .059 and .053, respectively. Oddly enough, Weiss followed in their footsteps as the American League Rookie of the Year in 1988. On the plus side, he started one of his team's two double plays and handled 16 chances.

Oakland pitcher Bob Welch and Los Angeles outfielder John Shelby could reflect on their moments as rookie participants in the World Series. Welch was involved in one of the memorable one-on-one confrontations in Series history. Relieving in the ninth inning of Game 2 in 1978, Welch, a Dodger at the time, fanned New York's Reggie Jackson on a 3-2 count with two out and two runners on base to earn the save in a 4-3 victory. Shelby had four hits in nine at-bats with Baltimore in the 1983 Series, and he delivered the winning RBI in Game 4 with a sacrifice fly. Mike Boddicker made headlines as a rookie pitcher for the Orioles in that same Series by beating Philadelphia on a superb three-hitter in the second game. Boddicker did not walk a batter, struck out six, and surrendered one unearned run.

Willie McGee sparked with the bat and the glove in the second game of the 1982 Series between St. Louis and Milwaukee. The Cardinals' rookie center fielder hit two homers, drove in four runs, and saved another run with a great catch at the fence.

A dozen players have climaxed Rookie of the Year seasons by performing in the World Series. Five of them were members of the Dodgers: Jackie Robinson (1947), Don Newcombe (1949), Joe Black (1952), Jim Lefebvre (1965), and Fernando Valenzuela (1981). Rounding out the group are Alvin Dark (Braves, 1948), Gil McDougald (Yankees, 1951), Tony Kubek (Yankees, 1957), Tom Tresh (Yankees, 1962), Fred Lynn (Red Sox, 1975), Pat Zachry (Reds, 1976), and Weiss. Lefebvre, who will make his big-league managerial debut with the Seattle Mariners this season after serving as the A's third-base coach in 1988, appeared in just three of the seven games against Minnesota in 1965. He made his presence felt, though, by collecting four hits in 10 at-bats to become one of seven rookies to hit .400 in the Series.

There have been 15 grand-slam home runs in Series play, but only one was hit by a rookie: McDougald, in the third inning of the Yankees' 13-1 rout of the Giants in Game 5 in 1951. Six

years later, another Yankee rookie provided an offensive spark. Kubek ignited New York's 12-3 victory in Game 3 in 1957 by slamming two home runs and driving in four runs before his hometown fans in Milwaukee's County Stadium. In 1962, Tresh solved San Francisco pitching for a .321 average. His three-run homer in the eighth inning of Game 5 gave the Yankees a 5-3 victory.

Robinson and Dark experienced mediocre results in their first World Series. Robinson, who won rookie honors while breaking baseball's color barrier, batted .259 in the 1947 Series after hitting .297 during the season. A year later, Dark suffered an even greater fall-off. After posting a .322 average, he managed just four hits in six games against Cleveland.

ROOKIE PITCHERS

Black, Zachry, and Valenzuela came away victorious in their Series pitching debuts. His name did not appear on the Dodgers' spring roster in 1952, yet Black wound up winning 15 games and saving 15 more, both team highs, then beat New York, 4-2, in the Series opener on a six-hitter. Cincinnati swept the Yankees in 1976 with Zachry picking up the win in

Dickie Kerr won two games for the White Sox in the 1919 Series.



Game 3, although he needed relief help from Will McEnaney, who came on in the seventh inning to earn a save. Valenzuela, the only pitcher to capture Rookie of the Year and Cy Young honors in the same season, staggered to a 5-4 victory in Game 3 in 1981 despite yielding nine hits and seven walks. Newcombe fared less well. He was tagged with the losses in his two starts against the Yankees in 1949.

No rookie pitcher ever did more in the World Series than Babe Adams, who dominated Detroit hitters in 1909. Adams posted a 12-3 record while working in the shadow of Pittsburgh's big three—Howard Camnitz, Vic Willis, and Al Leifield, who won 25, 22, and 19 games, respectively. Adams, however, took the spotlight against the Tigers with three complete-game victories, including an 8-0 shutout in Game 7.

Philadelphia used only three pitchers—Eddie Plank, Chief Bender, and Bullet Joe Bush—to defeat the Giants in 1913. Bush, coming off a 14-6 first season, was the winner in the third game.

The 1919 Series developed into the blackest chapter in baseball history when eight members of the White Sox conspired with gamblers to throw the championship. But Dickie Kerr provided a bright spot for Chicago. He blanked the Reds, 3-0, on a three-hitter in Game 3 and went the distance in winning Game 6, 5-4.

The 1919 Series were blessed with such great sluggers as Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, but Wilcy Moore also attained stardom as a rookie pitcher in the Series that year. New York swept Pittsburgh with Moore figuring in two of the victories. He earned a save in the opener and spaced 10 hits in winning the title-clincher, 4-3.

The Dean brothers, Dizzy and Paul, shared the accolades for St. Louis in 1934 with two victories each over Detroit. The rookie Paul allowed just one run in his 18 innings. Another Cardinal pitcher, Johnny Beasley, owned glittering rookie credentials in 1942 with a 21-6 record and a 2.13 ERA. He also played a major role in the Cardinals' shocking defeat of the Yankees in the Series with two complete-game victories. He scattered 10 hits in Game 2, then won the decisive fifth game thanks to rookie George Kurowski's two-run homer in the eighth inning.

Frank "Spec" Shea was a two-game winner as New York outlasted Brooklyn in 1947. He was credited with a 5-3 victory in the opener, then mastered the Dodgers, 2-1, on a four-hitter in Game 5.

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Gil McDougald hit a grand slam for the Yankees in Game 5 in 1951.



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Whitey Ford, whose 10 victories and 94 strikeouts top the Series pitching charts, applied the finishing touch as the Yankees swept the Phillies in 1950. The left-hander notched a 5-2 win in the fourth game, losing his shutout when Gene Woodling muffed Andy Seminick's fly ball.

Gene Bearden, a Navy veteran of World War II, compiled a 20-7 record and led the American League with a 2.43 ERA in 1948. The 28-year-old Cleveland rookie was unscored on in his two outings against Boston, shutting out the Braves in Game 3 and registering a save in the sixth and final game. That year also marked the only Series work by the legendary Satchell Paige. The 42-year-old rookie made a token appearance in the fifth game and retired the two batters he faced.

Larry Sherry made a remarkable showing for the Dodgers in 1959. He relieved in all four games that L.A. won, picking up two victories and saving two others. Sherry hurled five shut-out innings to beat the White Sox in the title-clincher.

ROOKIE BATTERS

Charlie "King Kong" Keller and Brian Doyle lead the World Series rookie hitting charts. Keller put up some impressive numbers in sparking the Yankees' sweep over the Reds in 1939. He hit .438, walloped three homers, drove in six runs, and scored eight times. The latter figure matched the Reds' total for the four games. Doyle also batted .438 as a fill-in for the injured Willie Randolph at second base in the 1978 Series. A mere .192 hitter in 39 regular-season games, Doyle went 3-for-4 in the sixth and final game, triggering New

York's 7-2 victory with a run-scoring double in the second inning. Other rookies who have hit .400 in the World Series include Bill Terry (Giants, 1924), Lloyd Waner (Pirates, 1927), Joe Gordon (Yankees, 1938), Emil Verban (Cardinals, 1944), and Lefebvre.

Terry, who captured the National League batting title with a .401 mark in 1930, started slowly with the Giants in his first year, hitting just .239. But in the Series he stroked the ball at a .429 clip. Another emerging standout for the Giants, Fred Lindstrom, also earned a spot on the rookie honor roll in the '24 Series. The 18-year-old third baseman, filling in for the injured Heinie Groh, batted a solid .333, but he was the victim of Earl McNeely's bad-hop single, which scored Muddy Ruel with Washington's winning run in the 12th inning of Game 7. It was the only RBI in the Series for McNeely, yet another rookie that season.

Joe DiMaggio, a veteran of 10 Series, turned in his best performance as a rookie in 1936 by batting .346 with nine hits in six games against the Giants. But some other "big name" players proved failures at the plate as Series rookies. Yogi Berra, the all-time Series leader in games (75), at-bats (259), hits (71), and doubles (10), was a bust in 1947 with a .158 average against the Dodgers. Mickey Mantle, who tops the Series career chart in home runs (18), runs (42), and RBIs (40), had only a single to show for five at-bats for the Yankees in 1951. Injured in Game 2 that year, Mantle sat out the last four games. Willie Mays, on the opposing side in that Series, also failed to produce. He hit .200 with no home runs while playing in all six games.

Three less famous players entered their names in the World Series record book as rookies. Bobby Brown delivered three straight pinch hits for the Yankees in 1947. Two of them were doubles which produced three runs. Gonzalo Marquez equaled Brown's feat with three hits in five pinch-hit appearances with Oakland in 1972. Two years later, Marquez had faded from the majors. Frank Quilici had just four hits in 20 at-bats for Minnesota in 1965, but two came in the second inning of the opening game to tie a Series record.

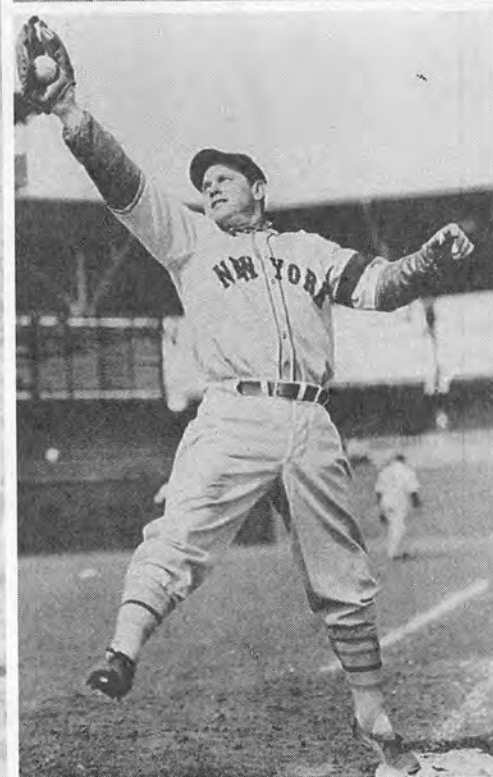
The accompanying charts list the top rookie performances in the World Series by hitters with at least 10 at-bats and by pitchers with five or more innings.



batter	series	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	avg
Charlie Keller.....	1939 Yankees.....	4	16	8	7	1	1	3	6	.438
Brian Doyle.....	1978 Yankees.....	6	16	4	7	1	0	0	4	.438
Bill Terry.....	1924 Giants.....	5	14	3	6	0	1	1	3	.429
Emil Verban.....	1944 Cardinals.....	6	17	1	7	0	0	0	1	.412
Joe Gordon.....	1938 Yankees.....	4	15	3	6	2	0	1	6	.400
Lloyd Waner.....	1927 Pirates.....	4	15	5	6	1	1	0	0	.400
Jim Lefebvre.....	1965 Dodgers.....	3	10	2	4	0	0	0	0	.400
Johnny Edwards.....	1961 Reds.....	3	11	1	4	2	0	0	2	.364
Wally Schang.....	1913 Athletics.....	4	14	2	5	0	1	1	6	.357
Joe DiMaggio.....	1936 Yankees.....	6	26	3	9	3	0	0	3	.346
Fred Lindstrom.....	1924 Giants.....	7	30	1	10	2	0	0	4	.333
Jimmy Ripple.....	1936 Giants.....	5	12	2	4	0	0	1	3	.333
Tom Tresh.....	1962 Yankees.....	7	28	5	9	1	0	1	4	.321
Joe Garagiola.....	1946 Cardinals.....	5	19	2	6	2	0	0	4	.316
Mike McCormack.....	1940 Reds.....	7	29	1	9	3	0	0	2	.310
Billy Johnson.....	1943 Yankees.....	5	20	3	6	1	1	1	3	.300
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	series	g	ip	h	bb	so	w	l	s	era
Gene Bearden.....	1948 Indians.....	2	10.2	6	1	4	1	0	1	0.00
Whitey Ford.....	1950 Yankees.....	1	8.2	7	1	7	1	0	0	0.00
Gary Gentry.....	1969 Mets.....	1	6.2	3	5	4	1	0	0	0.00
Bruce Kison.....	1971 Pirates.....	2	6.1	1	2	3	1	0	0	0.00
Blix Donnelly.....	1944 Cardinals.....	2	6.0	2	1	9	1	0	0	0.00
Don McMahon.....	1957 Braves.....	3	5.0	3	3	5	0	0	0	0.00
Tom Niedenfuer.....	1981 Dodgers.....	2	5.0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Larry Sherry.....	1959 Dodgers.....	4	12.2	8	2	5	2	0	2	0.71
Wilcy Moore.....	1927 Yankees.....	2	10.2	11	2	2	1	0	1	0.87
Paul Dean.....	1934 Cardinals.....	2	18.0	15	7	11	2	0	0	1.00
Joe Bush.....	1913 Athletics.....	1	9.0	5	4	3	1	0	0	1.00
Babe Adams.....	1909 Pirates.....	3	27.0	18	6	11	3	0	0	1.33
Don Gullett.....	1970 Reds.....	3	6.2	5	4	4	0	0	0	1.35
Dickie Kerr.....	1919 White Sox.....	2	19.0	14	3	6	2	0	0	1.42
Bill Stafford.....	1960 Yankees.....	2	6.0	5	1	2	0	0	0	1.50
Gary Waslewski.....	1967 Red Sox.....	2	8.1	4	2	7	0	0	0	2.16
Frank Shea.....	1947 Yankees.....	3	15.1	10	8	10	2	0	0	2.35
Pat Zachry.....	1976 Reds.....	1	6.2	6	5	6	1	0	0	2.70



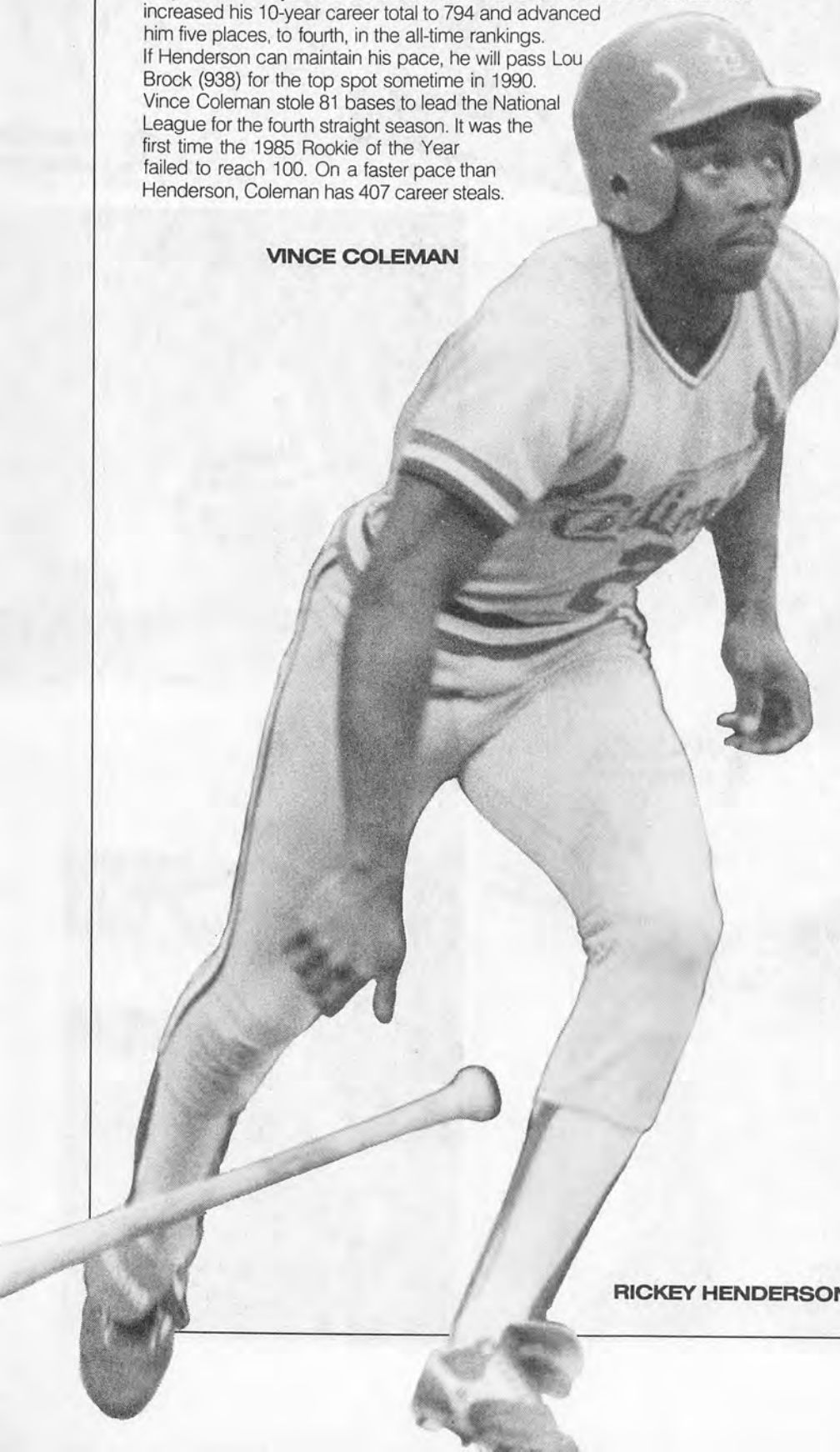
Jackie Robinson (right) batted .259 for Brooklyn in the 1947 Series; the Dodgers' Don Newcombe (above) lost twice to the Yankees in the '49 Series, but Joe Black beat them in Game 1 in 1952, after which he was congratulated by Charlie Dressen (7), Gil Hodges (14), Pee Wee Reese (1), Billy Cox, Roy Campanella, and Cookie Lavagetto (27); Bill Terry (below right) hit .429 for the Giants in the '24 Series.



STOLEN BASES

● After leading the American League in stolen bases for seven consecutive seasons, Rickey Henderson lost his title in 1987 when he sat out 67 games with injuries. But he reasserted himself in '88 with 93 steals. That increased his 10-year career total to 794 and advanced him five places, to fourth, in the all-time rankings. If Henderson can maintain his pace, he will pass Lou Brock (938) for the top spot sometime in 1990. Vince Coleman stole 81 bases to lead the National League for the fourth straight season. It was the first time the 1985 Rookie of the Year failed to reach 100. On a faster pace than Henderson, Coleman has 407 career steals.

VINCE COLEMAN



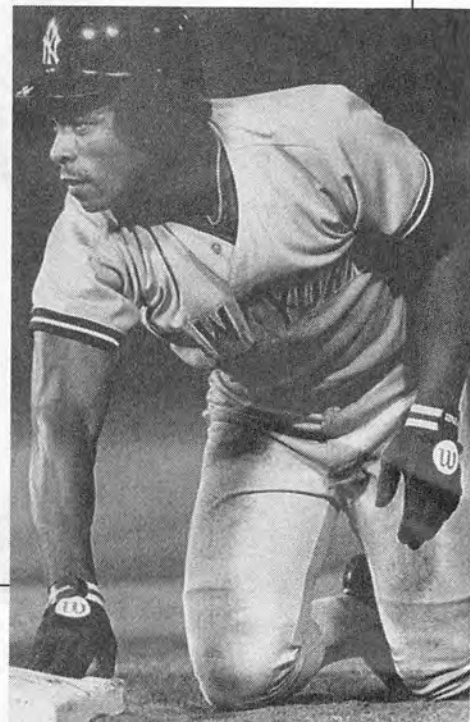
NATIONAL LEAGUE

player, team	sb	cs
Vince Coleman, St. Louis	81	27
Gerald Young, Houston	65	27
Ozzie Smith, St. Louis	57	9
Otis Nixon, Montreal	46	13
Chris Sabo, Cincinnati	46	14
Brett Butler, San Francisco	43	20
Steve Sax, Los Angeles	42	12
Willie McGee, St. Louis	41	6
Barry Larkin, Cincinnati	40	7
Eric Davis, Cincinnati	35	3
Tim Lincecum, Montreal	33	7
Juan Samuel, Philadelphia	33	10
Billy Hatcher, Houston	32	13
Kevin Bass, Houston	31	6
Kirk Gibson, Los Angeles	31	4
Gary Redus, Chi.-Pitt.	31	4
Shawon Dunston, Chicago	30	9
Len Dykstra, New York	30	8
Andy Van Slyke, Pittsburgh	30	9
Rex Hudler, Montreal	29	7
Gerald Perry, Atlanta	29	14
Darryl Strawberry, New York	29	14
Kal Daniels, Cincinnati	27	6
Tony Gwynn, San Diego	26	11
Ryne Sandberg, Chicago	25	10

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rickey Henderson, New York	93	13
Gary Pettis, Detroit	44	10
Paul Molitor, Milwaukee	41	10
Jose Canseco, Oakland	40	16
Harold Reynolds, Seattle	35	29
Willie Wilson, Kansas City	35	7
Cecil Espy, Texas	33	10
Oddibe McDowell, Texas	33	10
Lloyd Moseby, Toronto	31	8
Carney Lansford, Oakland	29	8
Dan Gladden, Minnesota	28	8
Joe Carter, Cleveland	27	5
Henry Cotto, Seattle	27	3
Bo Jackson, Kansas City	27	6
Ellis Burks, Boston	25	9
Julio Franco, Cleveland	25	11
Ozzie Guillen, Chicago	25	13

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1911 Philadelphia (A)	1933 New York (N)	1955 Brooklyn (N)	1976 Cincinnati (N)
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1913 Philadelphia (A)	1935 Detroit (A)	1957 Milwaukee (N)	1978 New York (A)
1914 Boston Braves (A)	1936 New York (A)	1958 New York (A)	1979 Pittsburgh (N)
1915 Boston Red Sox (A)	1937 New York (A)	1959 Los Angeles (N)	1980 Philadelphia (N)
1916 Boston Red Sox (A)	1938 New York (A)	1960 Pittsburgh (N)	1981 Los Angeles (N)
1917 Chicago (A)	1939 New York (A)	1961 New York (A)	1982 St. Louis (N)
1918 Boston Red Sox (A)	1940 Cincinnati (N)	1962 New York (A)	1983 Baltimore (A)
1919 Cincinnati (N)	1941 New York (A)	1963 Los Angeles (N)	1984 Detroit (A)
1920 Cleveland (A)	1942 St. Louis (N)	1964 St. Louis (N)	1985 Kansas City (A)
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● A generation ago, Charlie Dressen, the Brooklyn Dodgers' manager, watched a young New York Giants' center fielder by the name of Willie Mays fly through the air for a miracle catch. "Let's see him do it again," bel-lowed a disbelieving Dressen. The Brooklyn Dodgers, the New York Giants, and Charlie Dressen are all gone. What re-mains of that legacy are the in-evitable difficulties involved in repeating miraculous baseball events.

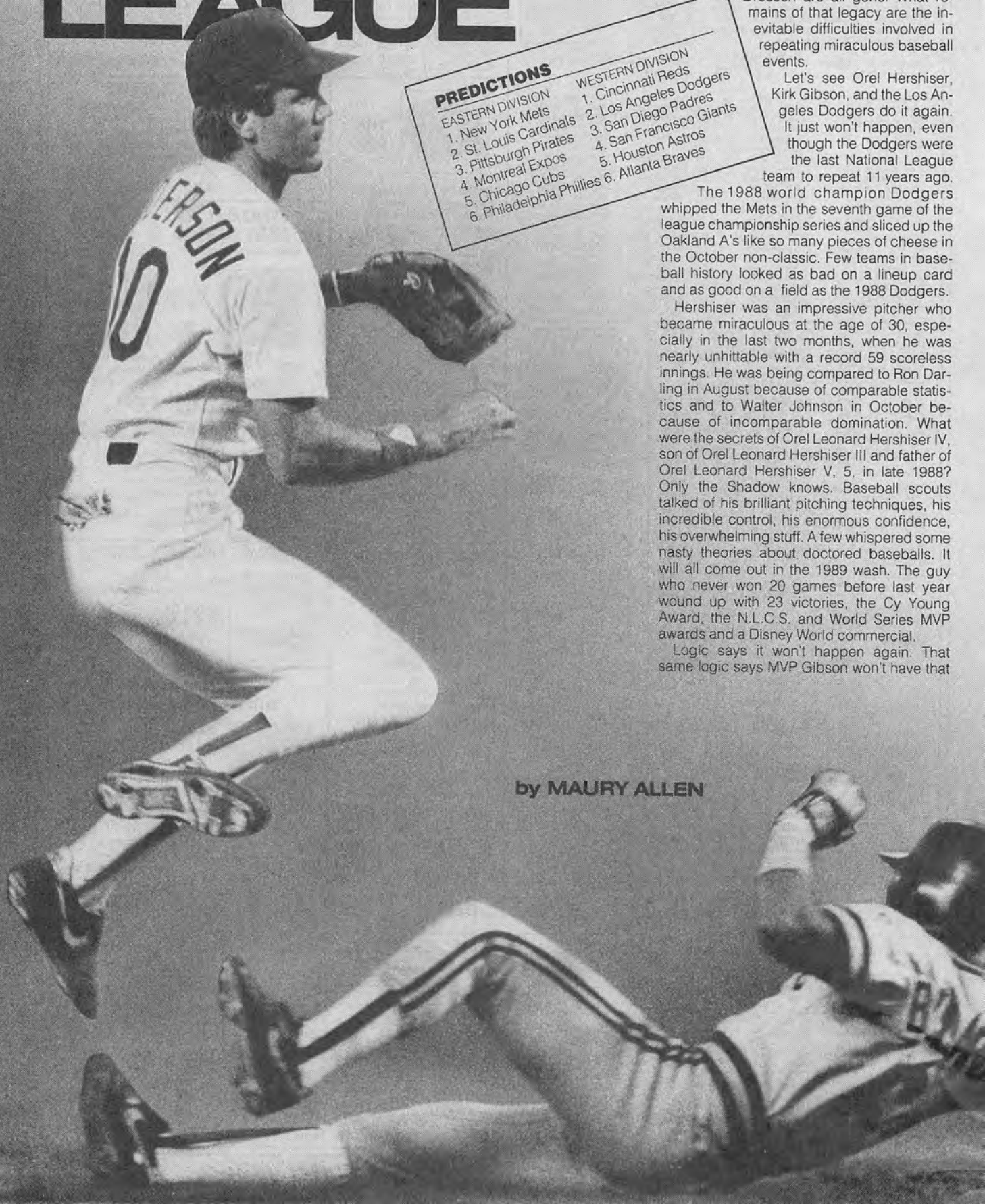
Let's see Orel Hershiser, Kirk Gibson, and the Los Angeles Dodgers do it again. It just won't happen, even though the Dodgers were the last National League team to repeat 11 years ago.

The 1988 world champion Dodgers whipped the Mets in the seventh game of the league championship series and sliced up the Oakland A's like so many pieces of cheese in the October non-classic. Few teams in base-ball history looked as bad on a lineup card and as good on a field as the 1988 Dodgers.

Hershiser was an impressive pitcher who became miraculous at the age of 30, espe-cially in the last two months, when he was nearly unhittable with a record 59 scoreless innings. He was being compared to Ron Dar-ling in August because of comparable statis-tics and to Walter Johnson in October be-cause of incomparable domination. What were the secrets of Orel Leonard Hershiser IV, son of Orel Leonard Hershiser III and father of Orel Leonard Hershiser V, 5, in late 1988? Only the Shadow knows. Baseball scouts talked of his brilliant pitching techniques, his incredible control, his enormous confidence, his overwhelming stuff. A few whispered some nasty theories about doctored baseballs. It will all come out in the 1989 wash. The guy who never won 20 games before last year wound up with 23 victories, the Cy Young Award, the N.L.C.S. and World Series MVP awards and a Disney World commercial.

Logic says it won't happen again. That same logic says MVP Gibson won't have that

by MAURY ALLEN



same inspirational effect on the Dodgers this year that he had last. For one thing, Jesse Orosco won't be around to blacken his cap and make him angry in spring training; for another, those banged-up legs may break down more frequently as Gibson nears 32. Still, he slugged 25 homers, had 76 RBIs, hit .290, and drew 73 walks without much protection behind him in the lineup.

Eddie Murray, 33, might have another big year left as he begins a Dodger career. He was hitting under .200 late into June for the Orioles last year before recovering fast enough to post decent numbers (.284, 28 HR, 84 RBI) and prompt the ambitious trade. But a confusing Mike Marshall (.277, 20 HR, 82 RBI) and a sullen Murray may clash in a volatile Dodger clubhouse. It will be up to miracle worker Tommy Lasorda, now firmly entrenched as a slick manager, to keep this combustible Los Angeles team pulling for the common good. Look for an explosive Los Angeles summer and a second-place finish.

The class team in the National League in 1988 was clearly the New York Mets. They didn't win the one game they had to win because Darling and others were sloppy in the seventh game of the playoffs. Hershiser was still heating up on his wondrous roll, and it was simply a Los Angeles year. That will be reversed in 1989. The Mets will win big again because they have more arms than a banana republic army. Their hitting is good enough, manager Dave Johnson no longer is concerned about a win-or-else contract condition, and all-world rookie Gregg Jefferies should hit 20 points higher than last season's .321 now that he has traveled the circuit.

Danny Jackson (23-8), Tom Browning (18-5), and an impressive relief corps should finally give Pete Rose enough pitching to shake that bridesmaid image of the Cincinnati Reds. Eric Davis (.273, 26 HR, 93 RBI) will again challenge pal Darryl Strawberry (.269, 39, 101) for laurels as the game's most prolific slugger and Kal Daniels, 25, should just be approaching stardom. If Rose doesn't win this year, Marge Schott, the cherubic Cincinnati owner, might have Pete move in with Schottzie.

There's no reason to think the St. Louis Cardinals will rebound from a dreary 1988 finish 25 games behind the Mets in the N.L. East. Somehow, they will. The answer probably lies deep in the clever baseball brain of Whitey Herzog. The Cardinal field boss saw injuries and illness decimate his team early in 1988. The Cardinals still have impressive speed and hitting, led by Vince Coleman and Willie McGee, the still-unequaled Ozzie Smith, and bruiser Tom Brunansky. I've got good vibes about the 1989 Cards.

Pittsburgh has fine young talent, typified by Andy Van Slyke (.288, 25 HR, 100 RBI) and burly Bobby Bonilla (.274, 24, 100), a staff of strong young arms, and an improving skipper in Jim Leyland, now ready to make his mark in his fourth season. What they don't have is former GM Syd Thrift, who put this team together

and wanted to spend more big bucks to build a winner. The money bosses said no, and when the accountants run a club instead of the baseball people, doomsday is not far behind. Despite impressive talent, the Bucs will go backward in 1989.

Chicago has lights on Wrigley Field. So what. They still don't have a team capable of breaking the 44-year trance between pennants. The Cubs have to hope the New York Rangers don't win the Stanley Cup in hockey. It would then make the Cubs the hungriest professional team without a title. The Rangers last won in 1940 and the Cubs raised their last pennant in 1945. The Cubs need another Phil Cavarretta batting .355 to do that. Rafael Palmeiro (.307), their best average hitter, was shipped to Texas for 18-game saver Mitch Williams (2-7—but 4.63 ERA, for Cubs fans who want to know the truth) because they expect Mark Grace and Damon Berryhill to hit. Andre Dawson (.303, 24 HR, 79 RBI) won't ever have another 1987 and Shawon Dunston (.249, 9, 56) will be baseball's oldest potential superstar in a few more years.

In their 20th anniversary season, the Montreal Expos seem no closer to first place than they were in their initial season of 1969. Tim Lincecum had a sluggish (.270, 12 HR, 48 RBI) year. Tim Lincecum fell off considerably, and Dennis Martinez, worn down, was the big winner with a 15-13 mark. The all-Canada World Series remains a distant dream.

The Phillies finished last on merit in the N.L. East in 1988. They probably will defend that title in 1989. Philadelphia fans should be used to all this. No baseball teams have finished in the bottom more often than the Phillies and the old Philadelphia Athletics. An aging Mike Schmidt is not the answer to a comeback.

Baseball's sleeper in 1989 could well be the San Diego Padres. Once they dumped tyrannical Larry Bowa for grandfatherly Jack McKeon and his smelly cigars, the Padres were a loose, relaxed, upbeat team. They have two of the best young players in Benito Santiago and Sandy Alomar Jr., a classy hitter in Tony Gwynn, and some solid arms in ex-Yankee Dandy Dennis Rasmussen, freed of the belittling of George Steinbrenner and now a 16-game winner, Eric Show (16-11), Ed Whitson, another grateful New York escapee, and, of course, expensive free agent Bruce Hurst, who should easily win more than the departed Andy Hawkins (14-11). Mark Davis had 28 saves and McKeon shows patience with pitchers.

Add to that a guy who adds a big bat to the Padres' attack. San Diego stole Jack Clark from New York for two young maybe pitchers, Jimmy Jones and Lance McCullers, and a failed young outfielder named Stan Jefferson. Brinks stuff. Clark could hit 30 dingers, knock in 100, and bat .280 in the California sunshine. He might have to play 150 games to do it,

always a problem for him, but this could be his last big year at 33. He hit 27 homers and had 93 RBIs for the Yankees last year without his heart really in it.

Roger Craig's Giants slipped back from a division title in 1987. Maybe one-flap down Jeffrey (Don't call him Jeff) Leonard really was that important. Will Clark is the power behind this team in the image of Willie Mays and Orlando Cepeda and Willie McCovey of earlier S.F. days. He led the league in runs batted in, with 109, and slugged 29 homers. The old New York Giants once hit 221 homers and finished fourth. This Giants' team hit a lot fewer, 113, and finished fourth. From Abner Doubleday to Roger Craig, the game rules have not changed. You still have to get those 27 outs, and the Giants failed to do it last year before damage was recorded.

The Houston Astros have been in business since 1962 without any World Series time. They could start feeling like the Cubs pretty soon. When they slid to fifth last year after a title in 1986 and a playoff loss to the Mets in about as thrilling an N.L.C.S. as ever played, the die was cast. Exit Hal Lanier, enter Art Howe. The former infielder, who will do no hair tonic commercials before its time, is supposed to improve this team fast. It won't happen. Glenn Davis (.271, 30 HR, 99 RBI) and Kevin Bass (.255, 14, 72) are still boppers, the pitching is decent when Mike Scott (14-8) is healthy and Dave Smith (27 saves, 2.67 ERA) is hot, and the defense and team speed are adequate. Like Wrigley Field, there must be something to the ball park that keeps the Astros from a pennant. Maybe they should close down the air conditioning in the Astrodome on some of those August nights. This team doesn't know that victory takes good pitching, good hitting, good defense, and lots of sweat. Losing Nolan Ryan to the cross-state Rangers didn't help.

Is Atlanta still in the league? Only 848,089 people could find Atlanta Stadium last year when the Braves were there. This team is dreadful, getting only worse, and suffers from absentee ownership. Ted Turner is too busy colorizing *Casablanca* to colorize the Braves. They are dreary and dull. Their manager, Russ Nixon, fought for a two-year contract, finally accepted one, and is odds-on to be gone by June. GM Bobby Cox, a bust as a front-office mogul, will return to the field before long if he wants to stay in the game. That's where his talents are. It might as well be in Atlanta. Dale Murphy deserves a better fate than constant last-place finishes. If he isn't dealt, the Braves should surround him with big-league players.

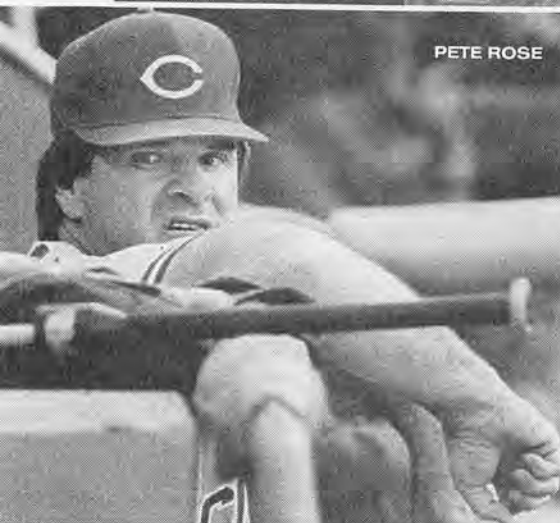
Pitching should carry the Mets back to their 1986 heights. Rose's Reds should be in the October playoffs with them. Then, man-to-man, Davis and Strawberry could settle this thing about king of the N.L. hill.

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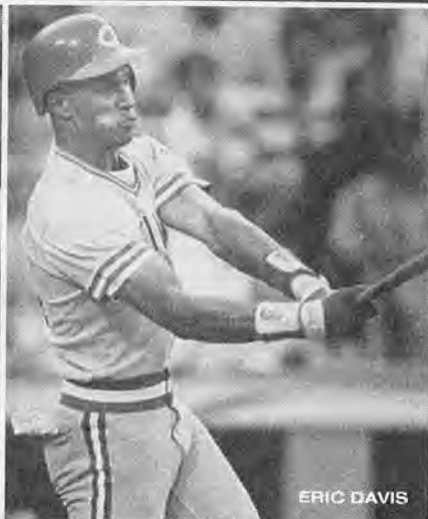
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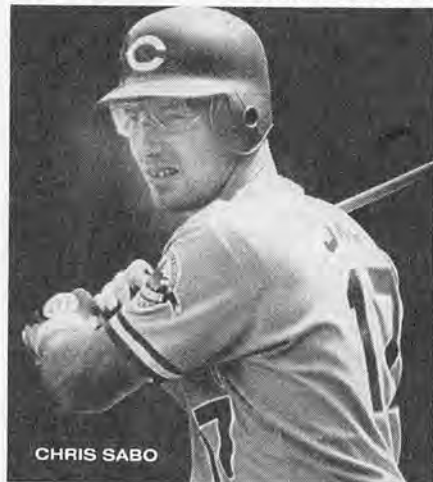


PETE ROSE



ERIC DAVIS

has been touted as the best player in the game for the last three years. This year he should prove it. He finally harnessed much of that natural ability last season. He needs more contact with his explosive speed, but few sluggers give in to pitchers even if it means a 100-plus strikeout season. Davis is always a Triple Crown candidate. Winning that would about guarantee the Reds a title. Flanking Davis are Kal Daniels and Paul O'Neill. Daniels has become one of the steadier and more



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CINCINNATI REDS

Pete Rose has always been a numbers guy. He could total his career hits (4,256 at last look), his lifetime average (.303), and his 200-plus hit seasons (10) as he was running to first base. As Satchel Paige warned, Pete better not look behind him. Wade Boggs is gaining on him and Marge Schott is chasing him. The number that disturbs the lady boss of the Reds is number two. That's where the Reds have finished in all four of Rose's full years as field manager of his hometown team.

This is the breakthrough season. Cincinnati made a good run again last year after a sorry start. Now they finally appear strong enough to get past the Dodgers, the Padres, the Giants, or any other pretender in the West.

Danny Jackson (23-8, 2.73 ERA) found the National League very much to his liking after coming over from Kansas City. If Orel Hershiser didn't decide to have the league's best pitching finish in 50 years, there would have been a lot more noise about Jackson. It helps to record 59 scoreless innings and it helps to star in the Series, as Hershiser did. A left-hander from San Antonio, Jackson is only 27 and will pair again with another terrific lefty in bulky Tom Browning. Browning was 18-5; more importantly, he pitched 250 innings with 36 starts. Jackson had 35 starts and 260 innings. Innings may be the name of a pitching staff's game. Jose Rijo, obtained in the deal with Oakland for Dave Parker, discovered a sinker to go with his good curve ball. He became an effective starter after Rose moved

him into the rotation. He was 13-8 with a 2.39 ERA, finished 12 of 19 starts, and throws a heavy ball, the kind of pitch hitters hate in early spring and early fall when it jams your cold hands. The Reds also signed free agent Rick Mahler (9-16, 3.69 with Atlanta). Waiting in the wings are two youngsters: right-hander Keith Brown (15-4, sub-2.00 ERA with Chattanooga and Nashville) and lefty Chris Hammond (16-5, 1.72 at Chattanooga).

The best ERA in the league belonged to Brooklyn's John Franco, the Cincinnati bullpen ace. He recorded a 1.57 mark in 70 games. Rose used him very conservatively—only 86 innings, just about the right amount as he notched a league-leading 39 saves. Jack Armstrong may not be the old radio All-American-boy character of the 1930s, but he is a pitcher with good stuff. He has a chance. So does Tim Lincecum, who didn't do much after coming over with Rijo from Oakland, but he could still develop.

Cincinnati fans thought they would never see another pistol like young Pete Rose. Chris Sabo, the Rookie of the Year, has as much fire. He thrusts his body at baseballs at bat, in the field, or in the clubhouse. He is a hyper kid who may be a fixture at third for a dozen years. He hit .271, slapped 11 homers, knocked in 44 runs, and stole 46 bases. With those airplane pilot glasses and constant smile, he quickly became a Cincinnati hero.

The Reds didn't hit as much (.246) as Rose would have liked, but that should change in 1989. There is simply too much talent on this club to keep that average down. Eric Davis (.273, 26 HR, 93 RBI), a high school buddy of Darryl Strawberry's, is only 26 years old. He

productive players in the league. He batted .291 after a .334 1987 season but hit 18 homers and had 64 RBIs last year. He is a fine outfielder and the Reds think he will get even better with experience. O'Neill hit .252 (16, 73).

Nick Esasky forced Rose into retirement as a first baseman. Never the player he was projected to be, Esasky was sent to Boston in a trade for Todd Benzinger (.254, 13, 70). Barry Larkin proved to be the surprise of the infield, fielding better than expected and hitting .296 with 12 homers and 56 RBIs, impressive numbers for a shortstop. Dave Concepcion, with Rose the last link to those Big Red Machine teams of a dozen years ago, was released.

The guy the Reds really miss from those wondrous Reds is Johnny Bench. Catchers like Bench come along once or twice every generation. The Reds make do with Bo Diaz and Terry McGriff, but it is a struggle. Diaz fashions himself a long-ball hitter. He had ten homers last season and batted .219. He is not that exceptional a receiver any longer at 36. Rose has to have help behind the plate. McGriff is 25, a big kid at 6-2 and 195 pounds, but seemed clearly overmatched in the major leagues last year. He fought pitchers instead of going with the flow and batted only 198 in 35 games. Rose thinks he can do a reasonable job with a little more security.

Jeff Treadway seems to be a young infielder with a future. Veteran Ron Oester was resigned, as was Davey Collins, who always manages to get a baseball job. He is available for pinch hitting and defense at the age of 36. Manny Trillo and Joel Youngblood were added to provide depth.

After four seasons, the Cincinnati pitching appears stronger, the hitting should improve, Rose is a more confident manager, and first place is in the master plan. The reality in Cincinnati is that Rose is yesterday's hero. Reds' fans want today's title. If it doesn't happen this year, the Rose will be off the bloom. Maybe the team, too.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

They finished sixth in hitting, tenth in fielding, and second in pitching among the dozen National League teams in 1988. That should have been good enough for a second- or third-place Western Division title, yet the Dodgers won it all. How did they do it? The simple explanation is they won seven more games than the Reds to win the division, one more than the Mets to win the pennant, and three more than the A's to win the World Series.

Baseball isn't simple. There were Orel Hershisier and his 23 victories, Tim Leary and his surprising 17, gritty Tim Lincecum with his dozen victories, and Jay Howell with a strong year in the bullpen, with or without pine tar. There were 25 homers by Kirk Gibson, 20 by Mike Marshall, and a wonderful effort by the steady Steve Sax, now departed to the Yankees as an expensive free agent. (The Dodgers got even for that by signing the stylish Willie Randolph. That almost looked like a straight-up trade for second basemen.) There were small contributions from a dozen others, notably Mickey Hatcher, who played everywhere and did everything, John Shelby, and Rick Dempsey. Mike Scioscia may be the hardest-working catcher in the game, and the Dodgers got lucky with some spot players.

Forget all that. The Dodgers won because Tommy Lasorda willed them to win. He juggled journeymen. He flattered subs. He goaded stars. He overcame the loss of Fernando Valenzuela and later John Tudor. He was patient when the Dodgers were behind and steady when they were ahead. The 1988 season, when it is fully examined by baseball historians, will be a clear example of a manager winning a pennant.

The Dodgers have picked up Eddie Murray, one of the most consistent American League sluggers in the game over the last 10 years. He is 33 years old. The Dodgers are gambling he has a lot left and will be charged up about being back in his Los Angeles home. That sometimes works against a player. Murray is a surly, introspective type and Lasorda's magic will be sorely tested on him.

MVP Gibson hit .290 with 25 homers and 76 RBIs. He was an electric shock for the Dodgers when he came over last year from Detroit. The league will smarten up about him, throw him more pitches that bounce in the dirt, as the Mets did all but twice, and hope he loses some of that fire. Gibson suffered several serious leg injuries last year. He is no sure thing to defend that MVP title. Marshall will hit a long ball (20 HR), but he looks bad on too many pitches. He should be helped by the appearance of Murray in the lineup but could be hurt in a clubhouse scene. Marshall has a fragile ego and Dodger players have been known to irritate him. If Murray starts piling up big numbers early and Marshall doesn't, look for trouble. Shelby (.263, 10 HR, 64 RBI) is a consistent player rarely noticed. He is smooth in the field and controlled at bat. The Dodgers don't need a superstar in center field. They simply need a guy to catch the ball, do a little damage offensively, and stay out of the headlines. Shelby does all that.

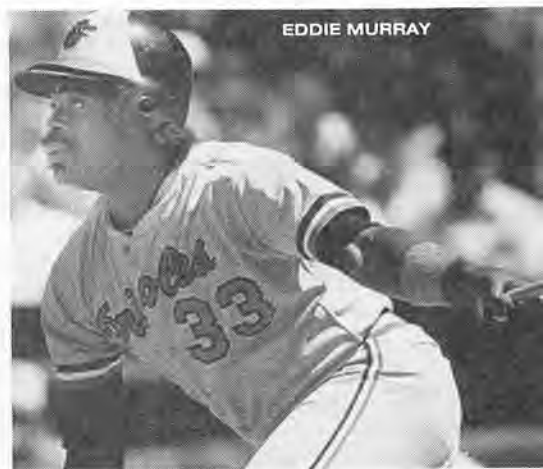
Scioscia may well be the smartest and most responsible receiver in the game. He certainly understands his role. His hitting (.257, 3, 35) is nothing to write home about—except for his two-run homer in the playoffs against Dwight Gooden—but he is a thinking man's catcher.

fense out of that position, though, with Murray supplying more run-making ability. Franklin Stubbs, who always seems as if he is having trouble staying awake, will give the switch-hitting Murray a day off against right-handed pitchers once in a while.

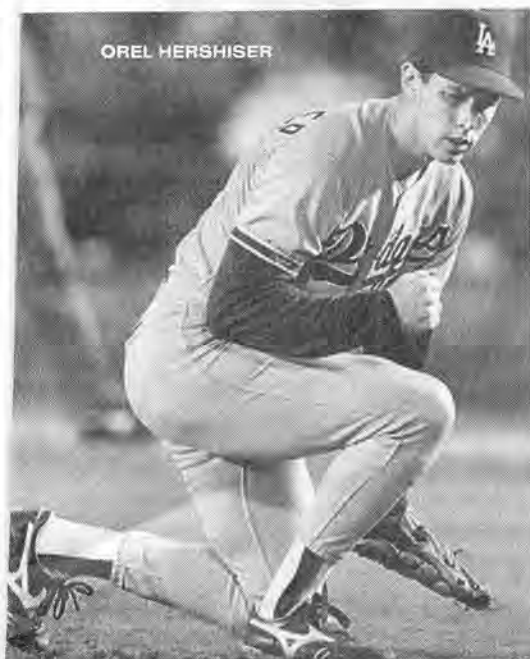
The Dodgers certainly have the pitching to compete again and probably to win again if Cincinnati and San Diego don't have big seasons. They have some serious question marks in Valenzuela (he could be through at 28—if he is really 28) and Tudor. The latter suffered a crippling knee injury and winter reports were not encouraging about him. Still, there is Hershisier. The Japanese hitters found him no puzzle in a postseason exhibition tour. Other than those ringers, everybody else did. He became overwhelming at 30, and if he does it again this year, he will have to explain his sudden emergence as Walter Johnson incarnate. Leary was unhappy with his postseason disappearance, but he finally had that big year at 29 the Mets predicted of him 10 years ago. He could be helped because of his past injuries since he has not pitched all that much. Belcher seems to labor on every pitch, but he got hitters out last year and at age 27 and with his first successful season behind him, he could prove to be a steady 15-game winner.



KIRK GIBSON



EDDIE MURRAY



OREL HERSHISIER



MIKE MARSHALL

He sets up hitters and his pitchers have enormous confidence in him.

Jeff Hamilton doesn't seem to be the answer at third and Alfredo Griffin (.199) was a major disappointment at shortstop. Hatcher gets playing time at third and Dave Anderson (.249) may be the steadiest shortstop the club has. Lasorda will miss the fire and fight of Sax. Randolph will add a better glove than Sax but not as much offense. He is also 34 and coming off knee surgery, a dangerous combination. Los Angeles may not need as much of-

Guys like that make \$2 million a year these days. There is also Ramon Martinez, 21 in March. The most coveted player in the Dodger farm system, Martinez has advanced quickly in the organization. He was 16-5 for Vero Beach in 1987, then 13-6 at San Antonio and Albuquerque before earning a promotion to L.A. last August.

One other Dodger is slightly intriguing. Los Angeles paid big money for free agent Mike Davis, who promptly forgot how to hit. He batted only .196 with just two homers and 17 RBIs after 22 homers and 72 RBIs the year before for Oakland. He could come back at 29 and give the Dodgers a surprise jolt of offense.

Lasorda couldn't possibly have another magical season, could he? If Hershisier isn't scored on this year, he will be sent not to Cooperstown but to the Smithsonian. The Dodgers have to come down to earth. The suspicion is Murray will not hit that much, Sax will be missed more than expected, and Hershisier will be found to be human. It all adds up to an inability to become the first Los Angeles team since the 1978 Dodgers to repeat as league champions. Not counting the Lakers, of course.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

Like Red Auerbach, Jack McKeon blows a lot of cigar smoke when he thinks he's got a winner. The mustachioed Trader Jack was a veritable firehouse last winter after he picked up the big bat of Jack Clark and the strong left arm of Bruce Hurst. The Padres will have to pay out something like \$10 million for these two over the next couple of years, but it wasn't McKeon's money. He could reap the benefits and feel none of the financial pain.

The San Diego Padres may be back on track after four long rebuilding years since the 1984 pennant winner. They will also be doing it the old-fashioned way, with big-money free agents. Clark, the dispirited Yankee, and Hurst, the disillusioned Bostonian, will be the key guys in a San Drive back to the top. But unless Clark has an exceptionally strong and healthy year, the Padres will still fall short.

McKeon will have some problems as he assembles his 1989 club. He would like to get both Benito Santiago and Sandy Alomar Jr. in the lineup together. He would like to get 150 games out of Clark. He would like a right-handed reliever to replace Lance McCullers (traded in the Clark deal) and he would like to be sure Dennis Rasmussen holds up all year.

The Padres have the best hitter in the league in Tony Gwynn, who won his third batting title despite a decidedly down year for this lifetime .335 batter. Gwynn hit only .313 after a horrendous start, but he decided to have an off season when nobody else was having an on season. Rafael Palmeiro trailed Gwynn in the batting race by six points and got himself traded to Texas for his trouble. Clark, Carmelo Martinez, and Gwynn make for an offensive outfield. Clark is 33 and he went crazy last year when Yankee manager Lou Piniella put him in the outfield one day after a comfortable stretch as the designated hitter. He is going to have to be in the outfield every day if the Padres are to make a real run. John Kruk had a big year in 1987 (.313, 20 HR, 91 RBI) and fell off in all three categories in '88 (.241, 9, 44). He has to recover and supply big numbers in the San Diego attack. Randy Ready, Garry Templeton, Tim Flannery, and Ro-

berto Alomar (Sandy's brother) give the Padres adequate middle-infield maneuverability.

Sandy Alomar (.297, 16, 71 in 93 games at Las Vegas), considered by some equal to Santiago, could wind up at third base. The Padres simply don't believe any catcher could be better, especially throwing, than their young receiver. Santiago has to hit more than .248 (10 HR, 46 RBI) if he is going to be talked about in the same breath as Johnny Bench. McKeon has some lineup problems to filter through in spring training. However it works out, the Padres should have an impressive starting eight.

Their pitching could be as good as any in the game, especially if Hurst, the big left-hander from St. George, Utah, makes a comfortable adjustment to the National League. He had the smarts at age 30 in his option year to have his finest season for Boston with an 18-6 mark, 3.66 ERA, and 166 strikeouts in 216 innings. He decided to go West and sign with the Padres even though the Red Sox offered him more than the \$5.3 million he accepted from San Diego. He announced after the signing, "It wasn't greed. I turned down more from Boston." What's a half million dollars here or there for these guys.

Rasmussen torments managers because he stands 6-7, weighs 225, and can't break a pane of glass with his fastball. Managers with patience—McKeon is a fine example—will wait until his changeup comes around, his curve begins biting, and his control sharpens. Then they will watch this big guy win. He was 16-10 on the season and 14-4 for the Padres after Pete Rose and the Reds unloaded him. Eric Show was the big San Diego winner last year with a 16-11 mark. He will probably be the second starter behind Hurst, a sort of reversal of the situation in Boston, where Roger Clemens got the big games and the big mon-

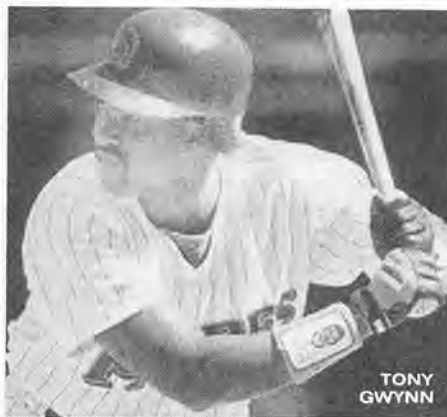
ey. Show is an explosive, grumpy personality, so there is no telling how he will respond. Andy Hawkins went the free-agent route to the Yankees, and the Padres hope Ed Whitson, who has found salvation back in San Diego after a bitter experience in New York, will pick up the slack. He was 13-11 last year, had a decent 3.77 ERA, takes his turn regularly, and seems to win just enough to keep him in the rotation. Walt Terrell, acquired in a trade with Detroit, had an off year (7-16, 3.97) in '88. But he had won 47 games in the three previous seasons and is good for 200 innings.

The Padres had a strong bullpen last year with Mark Davis (5-10 and 28 saves) and the departed McCullers. Davis is 28 and should be hitting his peak years. The Padres are hopeful that Greg Booker, who happens to be McKeon's son-in-law, is about ready to assume important relief duties. He has bounced up and down the Padres' ladder for half a dozen years. If he can't pitch effectively for old dad, he may wind up working for him upstairs in the Padres' office.

The Padres are investing a bundle of bucks in Clark and Hurst with the notion that the division is relatively weak and a good early run could make the difference. They just may be right. The last time San Diego went this route, they made it to the World Series. Some of those older guys—Steve Garvey, Goose Gossage, Graig Nettles—helped make things exciting around San Diego. The Padres are gambling that the ex-Yankee slugger and the ex-Boston pitcher will be the leaders on a 1989 resurging team. The two are certainly being paid as if they are World Series heroes.



MARK DAVIS



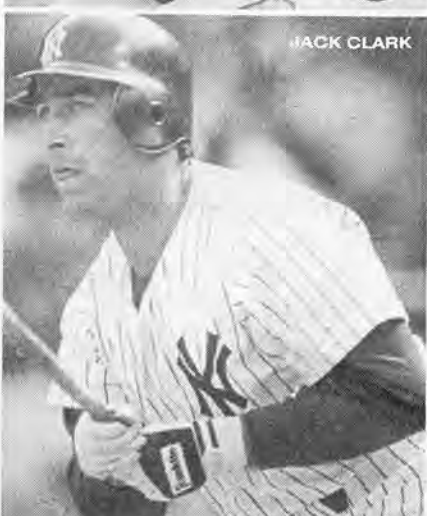
TONY GWYNN



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SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

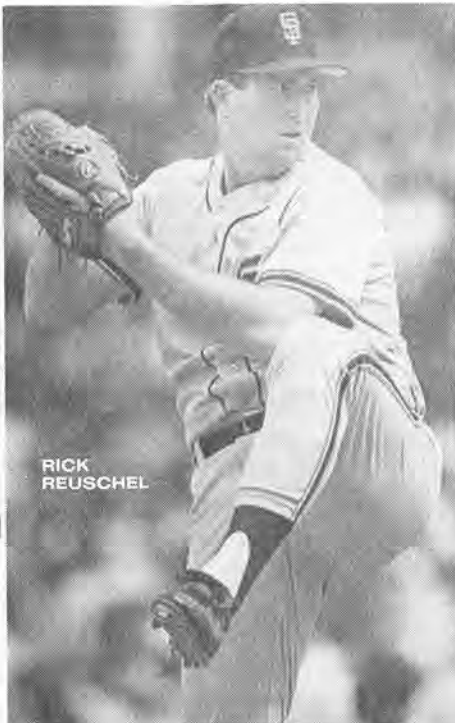
Roger Craig came within a game of making it to the World Series in 1987. His team must have believed all they had to do last year was show up. That's about all they did. The Giants lacked fire, their impressive pitching of the previous season was nowhere to be seen, their hitting was uninspired, and they never really got into the race.

Rick Reuschel will be 40 years old in May. He happens to be the best pitcher San Francisco has. He won 19 games last season. All those years of managers deriding him for his Santa Claus shape hardly matter now. Reuschel clearly knew what was best for him. His fastball is still lively, he has excellent control, and he is a far better athlete than a lot of his younger, thinner, flashier teammates. It would be no surprise if Reuschel, a 1988 groom, continues to win. After all, marriage is supposed to settle a pitcher down.

In a disappointing season, there was a constant glow around the Giants when they thought about the wonders yet to come from the bat of Will Clark. The Ole Miss All-America slugged 29 homers, hit .282, and knocked in 109 runs, the best total in that department in the league. He hit 35 homers with 91 RBIs the year before. Clark also has a good glove, plays hard, and is certainly the key player at 25 in the San Francisco picture. Craig believes Clark is the kind of player who will improve with experience and be a strong influence on other players.

Craig saw his own arm break down when he was a pitcher so is careful with those precious jewels of any team. Reliever Scott Garrelts (3.58 ERA with 13 saves in 98 innings) was inconsistent. Lefty Craig Lefferts was 3-8 with a 2.92 ERA. In 1987 most of the San Francisco pitchers threw the split-fingered fastball effectively. Craig spent a good part of spring training teaching them the pitch that made big winners out of many of his former pupils, including Mike Scott and Jack Morris. The Giants were slower than most in mastering it. Each of the Giants' starters, including Kelly Downs (13-9), Dave Dravecky (2-2), Atlee Hammaker (9-9), Mike LaCoss (7-7), and Mike Krukow (7-4), had various periods of success with the pitch and their overall performances.

"I think that it wasn't a loss of effectiveness as much as a loss of confidence among our pitchers," said Craig. He wants to impress his



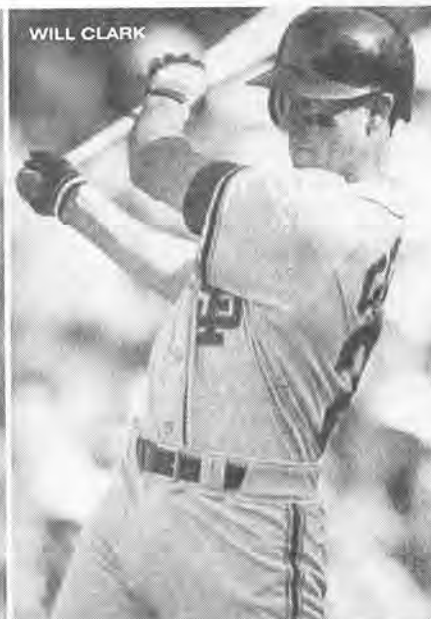
RICK
REUSCHEL

starters this year that pitchers have to fight through slumps the same way hitters do. Too many of his pitchers last year began returning to their old, unsuccessful ways when they saw their split-fingered fastballs getting hammered. Craig, an ex-Met in his long career, admires the way the Mets have built their current organization. They chase after pitchers. "I think we will go as far as our pitchers take us," he said. "In 1987, they took us all the way to the division title. Last season they all seemed to slump together, we had some injuries, and we never could put a good rush on the Dodgers and Reds." He thinks all that will turn around again in 1989. He has the live arms to do it and should score more runs again as Butler continues to get on base and Clark continues to improve as an exceptional young hitter.

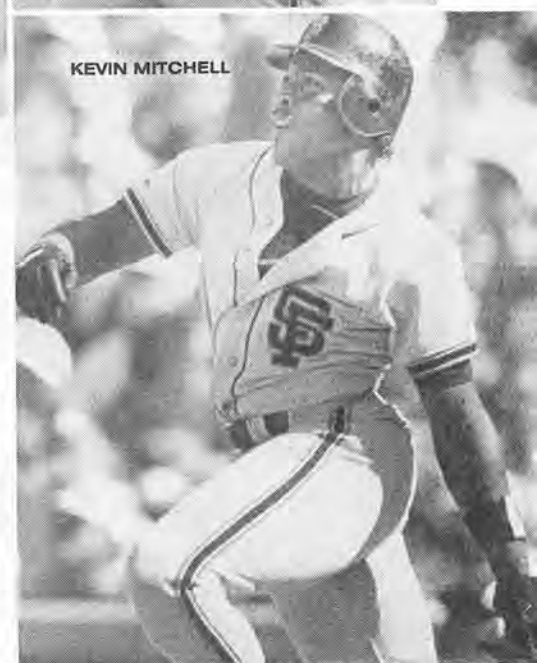
The Giants have a decent infield with Robby Thompson (.264) at second base, Jose Uribe (.252) at shortstop, and Kevin Mitchell (.251, 19 HR, 80 RBI) at third. The manager would like to see a little more control out of Mitchell. At 27 he still attacks every pitched ball as if it were a mortal enemy. Mitchell has to learn that it is not how far you hit the ball but rather how hard and how often. Matt Williams had 20 homers and 70 RBIs while splitting time in Phoenix and San Francisco. Ernest Riles hit .294 after arriving in a trade with Milwaukee.

The catching could use some shoring up. Bob Brenley was released and Bob Melvin offers good defense but little offense to the attack. The Giants would be a perfect candidate for a deal with the Padres for one of their two young catchers. So far GM Al Rosen has not been willing to pay the price.

Brett Butler was Rosen's hope for improving the San Francisco offense when he was signed as a free agent. He did his part with a commendable season (.287, 6, 43) and a league-leading total of 109 runs scored. He also fielded well in windy Candlestick and on the road. The Giants were happy with Butler. They wish they could have been as happy with more of their players. Mike Aldrete (.267)



WILL CLARK



KEVIN MITCHELL

was traded to Montreal for Tracy Jones (.295). Candy Maldonado (.255, 12, 68) could provide more offense with more playing time.

Reuschel was the most reliable starter the Giants had and Don Robinson turned in another splendid year (10-5, 2.45 ERA) out of the bullpen. The huge right-hander (6-4, 235) can still be as effective a pitcher for an inning or so as there is in the National League. With the rest of the bullpen struggling a good part of the year, Craig had all he could do from overusing the Kentucky veteran. Craig is hopeful he will discover another relief pitcher in spring training to give Robinson more rest. Managers have to fight the desire to push their big relief pitchers into one game too many.

The Giants could recover some pride in 1989. They just don't figure as a contender. They may even slip backward if Reuschel decides that this is the year all that weight really is a handicap on the mound. As long as he keeps winning, he'll never be baseball's Oprah Winfrey.

HOUSTON ASTROS

While the cross-state rival Texas Rangers were whisking away Nolan Ryan and trading for every player available, the Houston Astros were putting all the blame on Hal Lanier. The skipper was fired in the wake of a fifth-place finish in 1987. New field boss Art Howe won't have a much better showing. In fact, if Atlanta were not in the division, the Astros could have a worse showing. They have slipped badly since batting courageously with the New York Mets for the 1986 pennant.

The Astros wouldn't put up the bucks to keep local boy Ryan a half hour away from his Alvin home. They think it isn't good business to lock yourself up for two years to a 42-year-old pitcher. They wouldn't even go to the mat for one year via arbitration. Ryan took a hike and the Astros have to find somebody else to win 12 games, pitch 220 innings, and lead the league in strikeouts with 228. Free agent Jim Clancy (11-13, 4.49 ERA with Toronto) and ex-Yankee Rick Rhoden (12-12, 4.29) won't do all that. Houston pitching, so impressive two years ago, was sadly disorganized last season. Mike Scott, the 1986 Cy Young Award winner, was 14-8 in 32 starts and reliever Dave Smith had 27 saves in a 4-5 year in 51

games. Left-hander Bob Knepper was 14-5 despite every female sportswriter rooting against him for his anti-feminine remarks. Jim Deshaies won 11 and Danny Darwin won eight. Juan Agosto helped Smith in the bullpen with a 10-2 mark and four saves. Brian Meyer had 25 saves at Columbus. The Astros' starters missed too many turns with ailments and illnesses and the second-line pitchers never really picked up the slack. It could be worse in 1989 because Ryan started 33 games and no new Houston pitcher seems ready for that burden.

Alan Ashby is 37, has been beat up a lot behind the plate, and does not figure to play on another Houston division winner. He hit only .238 in an injury-filled season. The Astros aren't going anywhere without catching help. Craig Biggio (.320 at Tucson) could develop.

Glenn Davis had a big season with 30 homers, 99 RBIs, and a .271 average. The big first baseman is one of the sure things about the Astros and has compiled some remarkable numbers considering the difficulty of daily play in the Astrodome. Second baseman Bill Doran lost 35 points off his average and seemed more uncertain in the field. Part of that could be blamed on the ever-changing

shortstop situation in Houston. Rafael Ramirez came over from Atlanta to inherit the position, hit .276 and showed some range. Craig Reynolds, the former office holder, did a decent job as a backup with a .255 season and a good glove. Veteran Buddy Bell was released, so a third baseman is needed.

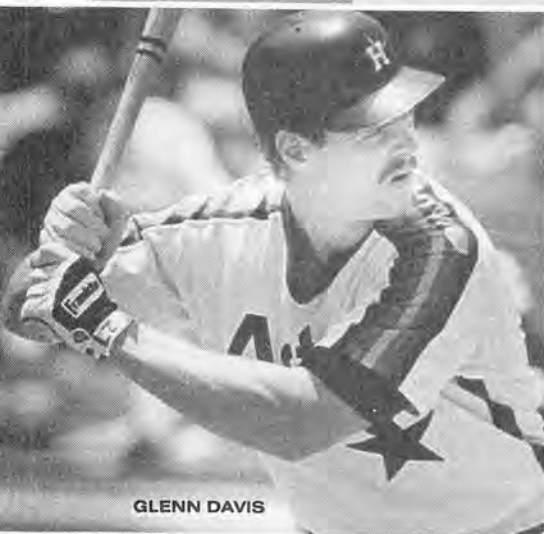
Gerald Young was impressive in his first full season in Houston with 65 stolen bases and only 66 strikeouts in 149 games. He hit .257 without any power (zero homers, 37 RBI) but proved to be the best leadoff man the Astros have had since a kid named Joe Morgan some two decades ago. Kevin Bass had a modest season (.255, 14 HR, 72 RBI), but he always leaves Houston brass feeling a bit empty. They look at that lean, hard, athletic body (6-0, 180 pounds), that good speed (31 steals), and those strong physical skills and expect much more. Billy Hatcher (.268) proved adequate with steady play and Terry Puhl, never able to earn a full-time job, did get more playing time than he usually does. He hit .303 with that sweet swing and easily could be a regular this season. Cameron Drew (.356, 4, 70 at Tucson) could press the regulars if Howe wants to bite the bullet and start the rebuilding process. More likely the Astros will go with their proven starters and attempt to make a race of it.

There are many Texans who believe Houston, a star-crossed franchise almost from the beginning of its history in 1962, is just destined never to win anything. There was much anger and unrest among their fans over the winter when talk shows were filled with customers complaining about the loss of Ryan. He was an elderly pitcher, no doubt, but hardly one who was finished. Every time he goes out, he is still capable of a no-hitter or a 15-strikeout game. Houston fans didn't care all that much about pennants if they had the hometown boy to root home. Now that thrill is gone and the Astros could sink slowly in the West before they rise again, in a half dozen years or so, to challenge the stronger teams in the division.

Lanier was fired last year when the Astros finished fifth. Everybody knows that was not the real reason. The Astros' manager got the boot because he failed to beat the New York Mets in 1986. Actually Lanier was lucky. A hundred years ago these volatile Texans might have shot him for that crime.



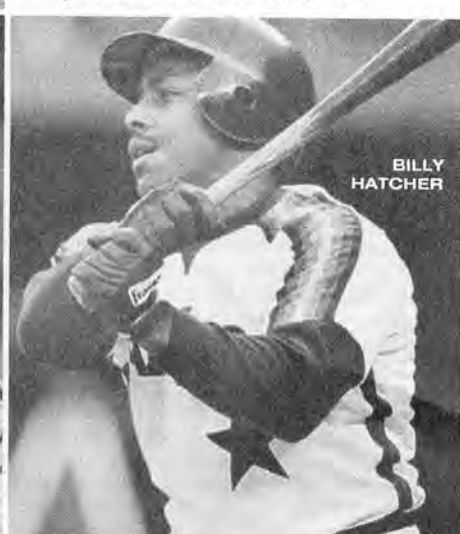
MIKE SCOTT



GLENN DAVIS



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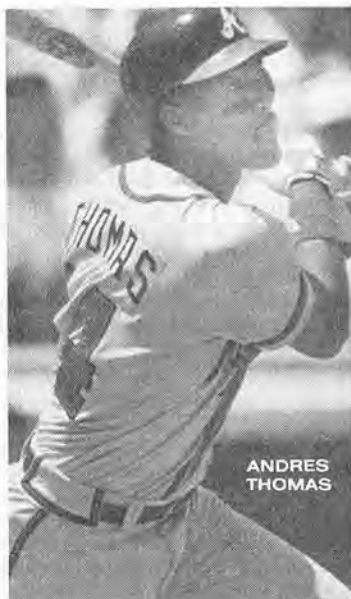
Sometimes you have to wonder why the Atlanta Braves start the season. They hardly ever finish it any place but last. Only 848,089 fans bothered to come out of their homes and hotels last year to sit in sweltering Atlanta Stadium to be bothered and bored. The Braves were up to their old tricks, winning 54 games, losing 106, finishing 39½ games behind the Dodgers, showing no signs of recovering, and not even being funny anymore. They fired Chuck Tanner for all those accumulated sins, hired Russ Nixon and almost lost him when he demanded more than a year to rebuild the team. Asking a man to rebuild the Braves in 12 months is like asking the Italians to rebuild Rome after its fall.

The Braves are going nowhere fast and Dale Murphy, their two-time National League MVP, is destined to go there with them. He is this generation's Ernie Banks, the best baseball player never to have the kick of a World Series performance. Murphy was offered to the Mets, to the Cubs, and to several American League teams during the winter. The Braves insisted on getting even value for him: Dwight Gooden, Andre Dawson, half a dozen throw-ins, and tons of cash. Murphy took it like a pro. After all, there's always free agency. At 32, the center fielder of the Braves had his worst season with a .226 average, 24 homers, and 77 RBIs. It was clear he had lost some bat speed and some steps in the outfield. He was also making \$2 million a year, so a lot of clubs were not jumping all over GM Bobby Cox in their request for the handsome slugger. Owner Ted Turner has this emotional tie to Murphy and may not let him go at all. More's the pity.

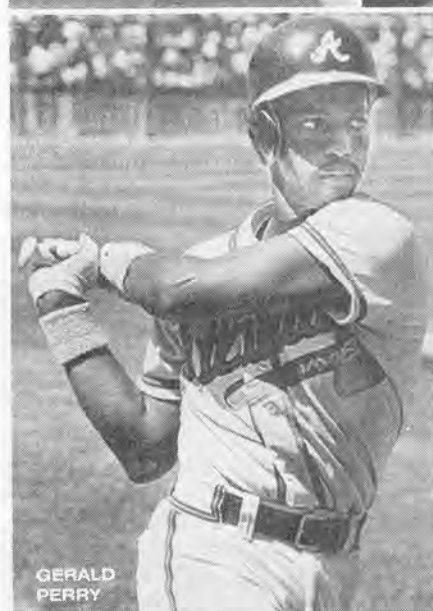
No one wins a pennant with one man. It's a team effort. So it is with losing teams. Some contribute more than others. One of the few bright spots in the gloomy Braves' picture is first baseman Gerald Perry. He hit .300 with eight homers and 74 RBIs and seems finally to have arrived as a steady performer. He may be the Dale Murphy of the 1990s, too good to waste in Atlanta. Dion James (.256) and Albert Hall (.247) have long been touted as promising young outfielders. The two of them couldn't carry Murphy's glove. Rookie Ron Gant (.259) and Andres Thomas (.252) do give the Braves some promising young infielders. Gant had 19 homers and Thomas had 13 in baseball's easiest home-run park. They may be quality players; if so, the Braves could start feeling a little better about things in a couple of years. Jeff Blauser (.284 at Richmond) and Mark Lemke (.270, 16, 80 at Greenville) offer promise.

Ozzie Virgil and Bruce Benedict, who has been going through this Atlanta agony for a dozen years, split the catching chores. Virgil can hit a long ball once in a while (nine) and Benedict almost never (none last year, 17 for 11 seasons). Benedict is probably the better receiver but Tanner played Virgil most of the time. New skipper Nixon, a former catcher and non-hitter himself, may lean to defense and improving the pitching. That could get Benedict more playing time. Ted Simmons finally retired to take a front-office job with the Cardinals. Atlanta, thus, will have room for a young catcher if it can find one.

Rick Mahler is gone, so the Braves don't have a serious starting pitcher. Maybe they will take Bruce Sutter, the father of the split-



ANDRES THOMAS



GERALD PERRY



DALE MURPHY



RON GANT

fingered fastball, in his late baseball life and make him a starter. Stranger things have happened around Atlanta. Remember when Ted Turner thought he could manage this team better than his manager? You know what? He probably could. Zane Smith (5-10, 4.30) and Tommy Glavine (7-17, 4.56) become the aces of the staff by default. Two years ago, Smith was a hot property. His stuff went south last year and nobody was breaking down any doors after him last winter. Glavine, only 23, is a skinny (6-0, 175 pounds) left-hander with some pop on his fastball. The Braves will give him every opportunity in the world to become a steady, starting pitcher. The Braves would give Venus de Milo every opportunity in the world to become a steady, starting pitcher. Pete Smith has talent, but it would be hard to spot with his record (7-15, 3.69). Paul Assenmacher won eight games, no small feat with this team, and Charlie Puleo had a couple of good games among his appearances. Sutter was able to record 14 saves in his comeback season, not bad for a guy with a supposedly dead arm and even deader career a couple of years ago. He is 36 and probably will be a bit

stronger in 1989. He should at least be over that psychological trauma of wondering whether his arm will fall off if he throws a good splitter. Joe Boever won six games and saved 22 more for Richmond.

Anyway you slice the Braves, they are a bad baseball team. They have little pitching, a sliding star in Murphy, not much hitting past Perry, and a couple of hopeful, promising infielders. This can not be a very good year in Atlanta. Why should it be? The Braves are a team very few people are willing to pay to see. Imagine if they traded Murphy.

EASTERN DIVISION

NEW YORK METS

Manager Dave Johnson doesn't have to win in 1989 to save his job. This time he has the comfort of a three-year contract after 100 victories in 1988 and a second division title.

Johnson's Mets clearly present the kind of pitching rotation that has made N.L. hitters ill over the last half dozen years. If you can't win with Doc Gooden, David Cone, Ron Darling, Sid Fernandez, and a recovering Bob Ojeda as your starters and Randy Myers, Terry Leach, and Roger McDowell in the pen, you couldn't manage a grocery store. When the Met pitchers were healthy in 1986, Johnson won a World Series. When they fell apart like so many wounded, wooden soldiers in 1987, the team went nowhere. There were no injuries—except for that accidental mistaking of his left hand for a rough hedge by Ojeda late in September—last year. The pitching is so overwhelming that a huge talent such as Dave West and a flame-throwing reliever named Jack Savage may not earn Shea lockers this year. Teams are often judged by the players who fail to make the big club as often as by those who do make it.

Cone won't be 20-3 with a 2.22 ERA but he has clearly indicated he is the real thing: a good candidate for 15-20 wins even with some bad breaks. Gooden got through his post-drug transitional year in fine style with 18 wins and a commanding 3.19 ERA. His strikeout ratio has been sinking steadily but at 24 he has 91 wins. He's the best candidate for 300 wins of any pitcher under 30. Ron Darling won 17 and is smart enough to win 20 games in any season. Fernandez was only 12-10 in another frustrating summer for the laconic Hawaiian lefty. If the Mets can keep him on the mound and off the luau, he could win 20. Myers, about as explosive a personality as ever walked on a mound (he makes old Mets fans think Tug McGraw was mellow), had 26 saves and a 7-3 mark in his first full year as bullpen boss. He also had 69 strikeouts in 68 innings, intimidating numbers for any batter.

The Mets have a little age among their starting eight with Gary Carter and Keith Hernandez each fighting impending declines at age 35. Carter doesn't throw well, has lost most of

his bat speed, and had to settle for 11 homers and 46 RBIs last year. This could be a dangerous spot for the Mets if they can't hustle a catcher from another club. Barry Lyons and Mackey Sasser help but don't have Carter's intensity or star quality. Hernandez is slipping ever so slowly. He never could run, so that is not as significant a factor. He hit only .276 in 95 games but his glove and baseball smarts are almost as good as ever. At .250, he is still a valuable asset to the club, a captain in deed as well as name.

The rest of the Mets' front-liners are high-grade stuff. Gregg Jefferies, a dynamic switch hitter, is the most exciting New York baseball rookie since the days of Willie, Mickey, and the Duke. He has long-ball power, unbridled desire, and baseball intelligence. He wants to play, a trait not always seen in every rookie. Most would rather be paid than play. Jefferies will probably wind up at second base with Wally Backman sent to the Twins. Keith Miller didn't get much playing time last year because Backman had a strong comeback season and was a most effective leadoff hitter. Miller will see more action if Howard Johnson slumps and Jefferies winds up at third. Second base will be in good hands. Kevin Elster hit only .214 as a rookie shortstop last year. Some observers are unsure about him. They shouldn't be. He was making a tough adjustment at 23. He will be much improved at bat and in the field this year.

Will Darryl Strawberry go from April through October without popping off, second-guess-

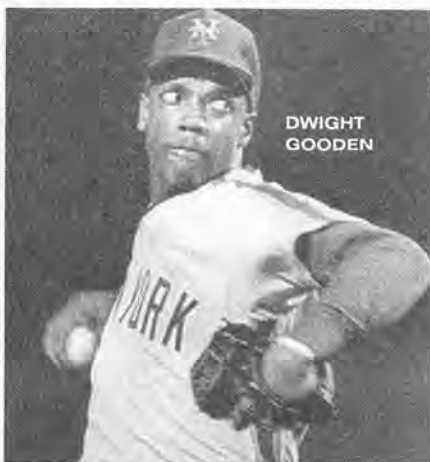
ing his manager, or promoting himself with the skills of a Madison Avenue ad agency? If somebody can remind this extremely talented young man of 27 that his job is to play and leave the recording of his performances to others, he may yet emerge as the game's best player. He hit 39 homers, batted in 101 runs, and hit .269. He fielded with lethargy on occasion and took too many mid-game snoozes. The Straw man ought to look at films of Roberto Clemente playing right field. Strawberry may be ready to settle down to serious business. If so, no record is safe—61 homers, 190 RBIs, or home runs hit out of most counties. Straw can be awesome on a hot streak, burdensome on a cold one.

Kevin McReynolds (.288, 27 HR, 99 RBI) may be baseball's least known, least appreciated, and least talkative superstar. Somebody told him actions speak louder than words and he believes it. Johnson says he is the one player on the club who has not made a mental error in the two years he has been a Met.

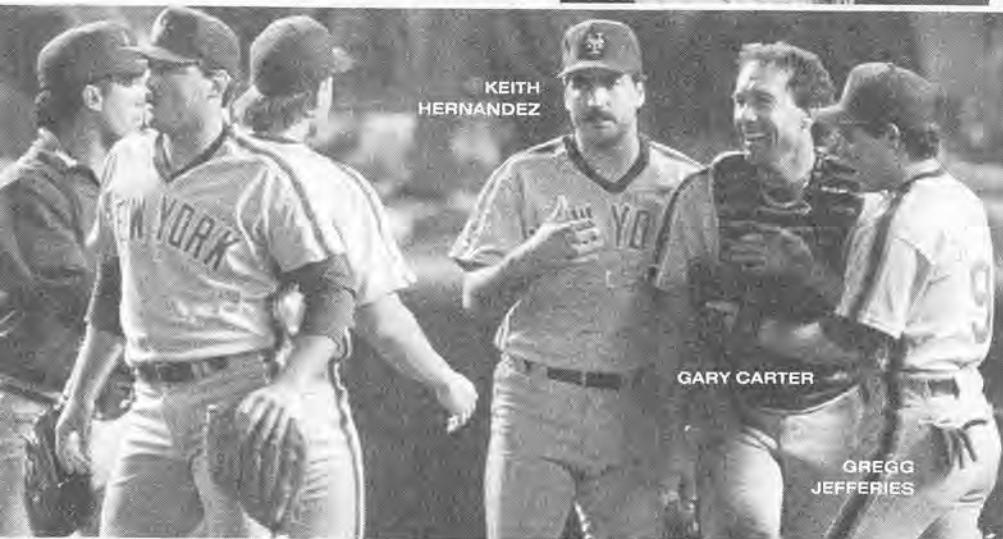
Mookie Wilson and Len Dykstra may be back to their old platoon tricks in 1989. No matter. They growl, but each is a better player as a part-timer. Wilson lighted a fire under the Mets in late August and September when they seemed uninterested in clinching the title or preparing for the Dodgers. He is also a class person and all-out player.

The Mets are deep on the bench with Howard Johnson, coming off a low-average (.230), high home-run (24) year, who could possibly lose his everyday job to Jefferies, and Dave Magadan, who proved capable when Hernandez went down with hamstring pulls.

If the pitching remains sound—especially if Ojeda can come back from the cutting hedge—the Mets should breeze again to their third division title in four seasons. Most opposing clubs not only fear the depth and quality of the Mets' pitching, they fear kid pitchers at A ball, Double A, and Triple A that they haven't even watched. The Mets are so rich in pitching it hardly matters who is catching or playing first base. What's worse for other National League clubs, they are getting richer.



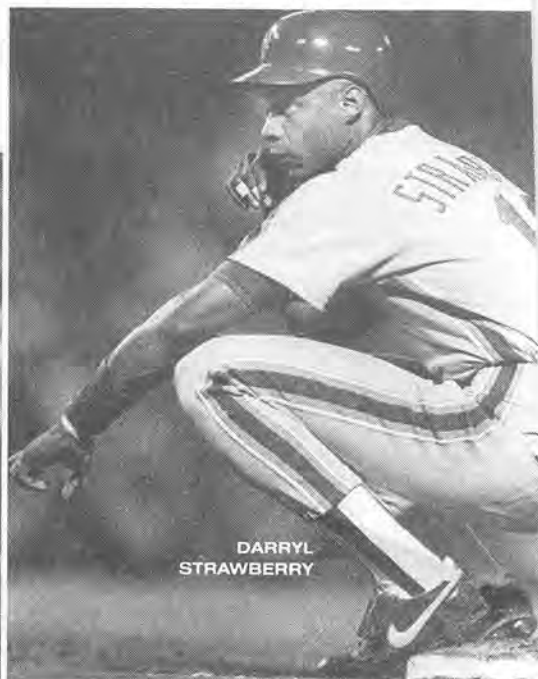
DWIGHT GOODEN



KEITH HERNANDEZ

GARY CARTER

GREGG JEFFERIES



DARRYL STRAWBERRY

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Whitey Herzog took St. Louis to the seventh game of the 1987 World Series. The Minnesota Metrodome was too noisy for a winning finish. The Cards spent '88 in a group hangover.

Even without any major changes, the Cardinals should be a much more significant team this season than they were last year, when they fell apart early and then got worse. The Cards finished a putrid 76-86, 25 games behind the Mets. The slate is now clean. Herzog and GM Dal Maxvill are too used to winning to allow that kind of nonsense to continue. The Cards should come back this year, strong enough possibly to challenge the Mets for the division title. They still have the best team speed in the game, they have some long-ball punch in Pedro Guerrero and Tom Brunansky, and they have improving pitching if they can keep their big arms out of hospital wards.

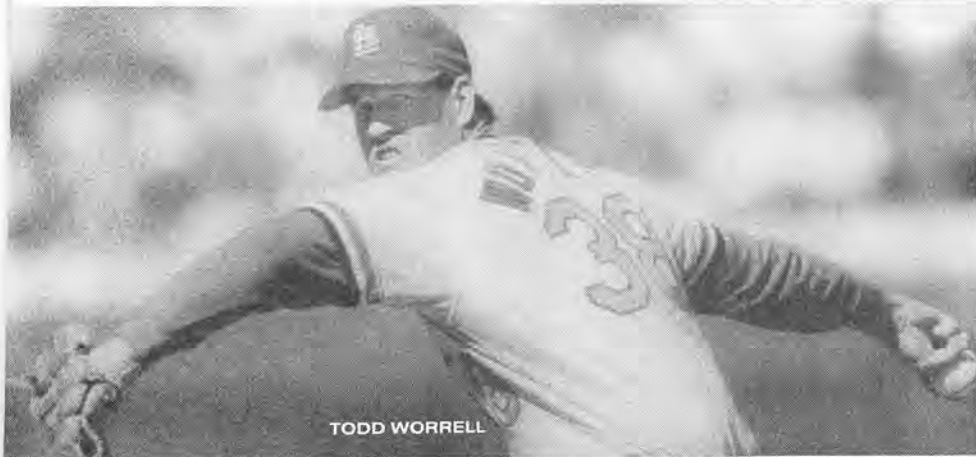
Jose DeLeon, Danny Cox, Joe Magrane, and Greg Mathews, backed by Todd Worrell (32 saves), one of the game's most impressive intimidators, should be the building blocks of a decent staff. DeLeon (13-10, 3.67) was third in the league in strikeouts, with 208. Cox and Magrane are each coming off surgery, but early reports indicated both young pitchers—Cox is 29 and Magrane is only 24—should be throwing hard and effectively from the start. Worrell is always throwing hard, and if Herzog can give him proper rest—he couldn't do it last year—the St. Louis pitching should be equal to the task of bringing this proud franchise back to competitiveness.

(Van Go) Coleman went only 81 times successfully on stolen bases and hit .260. He can steal 100 if he wants to without really trying, and it is about time he put that speed and bat control to work and started threatening to win a batting title. Willie McGee had 164 hits and

this year. The Cards acquired outfielder Milt Thompson from Philadelphia, where he hit .288 with some speed (17 SB) but little power. St. Louis should have run-making ability as good as any team's if McGee, Coleman, Smith, Pendleton, Brunansky, Thompson,



OZZIE SMITH



TODD WORRELL

Worrell's setup man, lefty Ken Dayley, was resigned. Scott Terry (9-6, 2.92) can start or relieve. Cris Carpenter, the Cardinals' top pick in the 1987 draft, was 6-2 at Louisville before being sidelined with an injury.

The Cards gave away John Tudor, a solid, professional pitcher and a sour personality, for a hitter they could look up to in tough spots. Pedro Guerrero will be 33 in June and is little more than a year away from a devastating knee injury. If he has one big year left in him this season, the Cards will be formidable. Tom Brunansky made a wondrous adjustment to the National League. In some few weeks, he had pitchers talking loud and often about his strength and power. He is a right-handed hitter who can drive a ball to right field as hard as most left-handed sluggers. He and Guerrero could put some juice in the middle of that St. Louis lineup.

The top of the lineup wasn't what it was in 1987, but none of the Cards were. Vincent

was clearly not the player he was in his brilliant 1985 Most Valuable Player season. McGee was 30 last fall and should still have a couple of high-profile speed seasons before he loses the advantages of the fast carpet at Busch Stadium. Ozzie Smith hit .270 with 155 hits. Considering he takes away 155 hits every year with that Wonderglove, he is certainly a good part of the St. Louis attack on offense and defense. Smith is 34. Herzog does not think he has to worry about another Cardinal shortstop for at least three years.

Terry Pendleton is a solid performer at third base, and the Mets will be watching out for him in late-season games. He knocked them out of the 1987 race with a dramatic ninth-inning homer in September at Shea Stadium. Jose Oquendo is 25 and was signed by the Mets out of Puerto Rico 10 years ago. He got his first full season of play in '88 after years as a supersub and responded with an impressive .277 average. He should only get better

Oquendo, and Guerrero, who still runs reasonably well, remain healthy.

Tony Pena rebounded from a lackluster 1987 season to hit .263 with 10 homers and 51 RBIs last year. He is nearly 32 but still plays with much verve and bounce. He defies pitchers to get a wild pitch past him with his spread-eagle catching style. He has as good an arm as anybody in the league, save for that incredible young man in San Diego, Benito Santiago, and loves to throw the ball around. His pitch selection is sometimes a little wacky, but Herzog has handled that lately with more of his own input.

The Cards are still hopeful Jim Lindeman, 27, will make that breakthrough this year. He has good power, hit every place he ever played until he was given a regular job in St. Louis, and is a fine outfielder. He can have an awful lot to say about the Cards' success this year with a big season.

Herzog has had one of the most impressive managerial records in baseball over the last decade in Kansas City and St. Louis. The 1988 team was clearly an embarrassment and the crew-cut skipper vowed over the winter that the fans would not have to tolerate the kind of lazy performance they saw last year. Boss Gussie Busch was pleased with the attendance figures (nearly 2.9 million), but he was not happy with the fifth-place finish. Herzog has given the old beer baron his word that it won't happen again. It won't.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Few players have improved as steadily over the last four years as Andy Van Slyke of the Pirates. He is arguably the best player in the National League at the age of 28, coming off a blistering season with 100 RBIs, 25 homers, and a .288 average. If the Bucs play in the World Series this year or next, Van Slyke, an accomplished fielder and hustler as well as a devastating hitter, will lead them there.

Ousted GM Sid Thrift wanted to spend more money—including a lot on his own salary—but few baseball executives in recent times deserved it more. The Pirate owners sent him packing. The 1989 season may prove whether it was a couple of lucky trades or a real reverse in policy and attitude that sent the Pirates soaring. If the Bucs had played the Mets as tough as they played the other 10 opposing clubs in the league, the five-year Thrift shop could have been dramatically cut to a three-year winner.

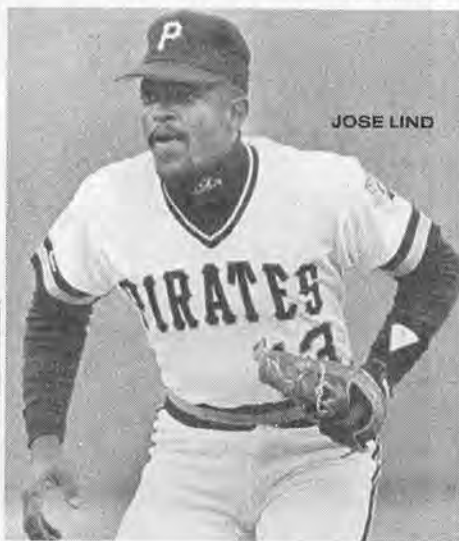
Van Slyke is surrounded by two of the finest young hitters in the game in Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla. Bonds (.283, 24 HR, 58 RBI) strikes out half as much as his dad, a record

that is why the Pirates are still looking for a slugging replacement for Tony Pena.

Manager Jim Leyland, who has built this team inch by inch and position by position, is confident his pitching has arrived at a challenging level. Doug Drabek, feisty and strong-armed (15-7, 3.08 ERA), was as good a pitcher in the later stages of the season as anybody in the league not named Hershiser. He wants the ball and wants no managerial interference when he gets it. He is a bulldog who learned how to win now that he is over his unhappiness at being moved by the Yankees. Mike Dunne was a disappointment (7-11, 3.92), but



BOBBY BONILLA



JOSE LIND



ANDY VAN SLYKE



BARRY BONDS

breaker in the whiff league, used to fan. At 24, he is just beginning to assert himself as an important N.L. hitter. Bonilla, the 26-year-old bruiser from New York, hit .274 with 100 RBIs and 24 homers. He has improved as a fielder after a shaky big-league start. Van Slyke, Bonds, and Bonilla could prove to be the most damaging trio in any single N.L. lineup.

Sid Bream (.264, 10 HR, 65 RBI) got most of the playing time at first, and the inner defense around second and short had some acrobatic play from Rafael Belliard and Jose Lind. The Bucs could use a little more pop from their middle infielders if they are going to make a serious run for the title. They got some mileage out of journeymen Ken Oberkfell and R.J. Reynolds and allowed Leyland to maneuver his lineup against some pitchers. Mike Lavalieri and Junior Ortiz give the Pirates adequate protection behind the plate without power. Each catcher had two homers, and

many baseball observers think he has star potential. He is only 26 but big enough and strong enough not to argue with. He could be this season's Drabek for the Bucs. Brian Fisher (8-10, 4.61) had some arm trouble, had some flashes of brilliance, and had some inconsistent periods. He throws hard, and if he masters his breaking pitches, he could emerge as an anchor on this staff. John Smiley and Bob Walk contributed to the early-season Pittsburgh revival meetings but slowed down when the Mets made their mid-summer move. Each is capable of running off an eight- or ten-game winning streak.

Jim Gott (34 saves and 3.49 ERA) and Jeff Robinson (9 saves, 3.03) combine to give Leyland two powerful, dependable arms out of the bullpen. Gott has recovered his mastery after slipping in San Francisco. Robinson, a bull, worked 75 games and 124.2 innings for Pittsburgh last year. They hardly make relief

pitchers like that anymore. The Pirates could use a left-handed stopper out of the bullpen. Then again, who couldn't?

The Pirates do not appear to be deep enough in the middle-infield positions or in their bullpen to make a serious run at the roses. They were impressive last season because they came from nowhere to be a surprise second-place finisher. No team is allowed to creep up on the league more than once a decade. The Pirates sneaked up on the N.L. East last year. It is unlikely to happen again in 1989. And if the Pirates aren't careful, they could slip back a notch or two in the last year of this decade. But if the Mets allow their team to age without younger improvements, the Pirates figure as the team to be beat as the National League moves into the 1990s. History may be on the side of the Pirates. Second-place finishers always start a new season thinking there is only one team to beat.

MONTREAL EXPOS

Montreal fans probably don't care whether the Expos win. They are more interested in the Canadiens around World Series time anyway. The Expos won their first game ever in the 1969 opener at Shea Stadium against that year's champions-to-be New York Mets. That still serves as one of the highlights in the history of this frustrating franchise.

The Expos are an awful lot like a used tire. Patch a leak here and spring another one there. When they have pitching, they don't have hitting. When they have hitting, they don't have fielding. It's always something. Last year it was injuries a good part of the summer. Two of their leading stars, Tim Raines and Tim Wallach, had assorted injuries and frustrating seasons. The way the team is constituted now, the Expos are simply not going to do anything if these guys don't do it.

Hubie Brooks and Andres Galarraga supplied much of the power for the attack, but Brooks was an unhappy soldier in right field and Galarraga still strikes out too many times, 153 last year, to depend on when the going gets rough. He did hit .302, smashed 29 homers, and knocked in 92 runs. A little more contact from the big right-handed first baseman and the Montreal picture could improve dramatically.

Raines played only 109 games and lost 60 points off his 1987 average of .330. He stole just 33 bases and at times seemed reluctant to run. He is 29 this season. It is about time his enormous talents were exposed to national attention in a World Series. He has to make it happen with a big year. Wallach will be 32, and the Expos are hoping it was just one of those years, not the inevitable downturn all big hitters suffer when they reach the thirty-something stage of their careers. Wallach hit .298 with 26 homers and 123 RBIs in 1987. He came back last year in 159 games with only 12 homers, 69 RBIs, and a .257 average. *Tres mal*, the French-Canadians all agreed.

Brooks is the Rodney Dangerfield of the Expos. He has hit every year he has been with them, he ruefully accepted a move to the outfield, and he changed spots in the batting order more often than a baby changes rattles. He also played 151 games despite assorted injuries to his wrist, shoulder, and leg.

Luis Rivera was given Brooks's shortstop spot. He fielded well but hit like a shortstop, with a .224 mark. The Expos obviously don't believe in the old theory about not fixing it if it wasn't broke. Shortstop was not broke. Still, they sent Rivera and pitcher John Dopson to Boston for Spike Owen (.249). Now they lack punch at shortstop and professional defense in right, hardly a positive reason for the move. Tom Foley is a reliable middle infielder, has some pop in his bat, and runs well.

The Expos traded Gary Carter to the Mets in 1985. He was in the World Series in 1986. No Montreal catcher has been able to replace Carter, who was supposedly going downhill when the Expos unloaded him. Oh, do they wish they could have him back. Mike Fitzgerald, obtained in the deal for Carter, has spent almost as much time on the operating table as he has behind the plate. He has taken a severe pounding when he is in there and all of a sudden, at 28, does not seem to be the answer to the catching dilemma. The Expos tried Nelson Santovenia and Wilfredo Tejeda last year. Neither was very exciting.

The Expos were able to finish in third place with a .500 mark of 81-81, 20 games behind the Mets, on the strength of their pitching. Dennis Martinez is 34, battered and bruised emotionally and physically, but he still wins. He was 15-13 with an assortment of trick pitches to go with his decent fastball. Pascual Perez, who on occasion still has trouble finding the ballpark, Jeff Parrett, a hard-throwing right-hander, and Bryn Smith, a hard worker who maximizes his stuff, each won 12 games. Tall (6-10) lefty Randy Johnson had success with Indianapolis (8-7, 3.26), then went 3-0, 2.42 with the Expos in September. He averaged nearly a strikeout per inning. Floyd Youmans, Dwight Gooden's schoolboy pal, was a major disappointment after drug problems and lack of stamina. He was only 3-6 and manager Buck Rodgers, one of the most patient of men, was finally at his wit's end with

that young man and shipped him to Philadelphia with Parrett in a deal for Kevin Gross (12-14, 3.69). Youmans is only 24 and still could clean up his act. He did win 13 games just three years ago. Some people actually believed he would be a better pitcher than Gooden. Some people actually believed the world was flat. Some still do.

Tim Burke, Joe Hesketh, and Andy McGaffigan gave the Expos decent work out of the bullpen. What Rodgers, the old California Angels' catcher who handled such luminaries as Dean Chance and Bo Belinsky (on and off the field) would really like is a strikeout pitcher. Unless the Expos can come up with a serious game-saver of that type, this staff is not strong enough for a 162-game schedule.

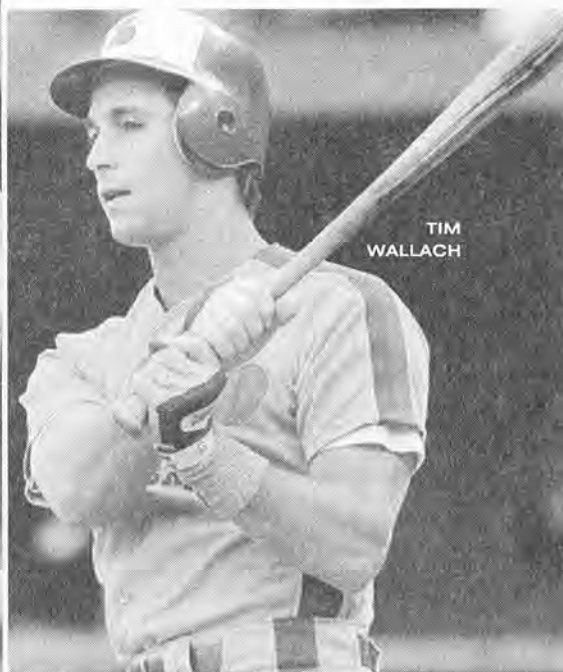
The Expos came within an out of winning a pennant in 1981 when Rick Monday hit a dramatic home run to send Los Angeles to the Series against the Yankees. Neither the Yankees nor the Expos seemed to recover well from that blow. Neither has won anything since. Montreal won't have the horses again in 1989. No matter. In six months the Canadiens will be contending for another Stanley Cup.



ANDRES GALARRAGA



HUBIE BROOKS



TIM WALLACH



TIM RAINES

CHICAGO CUBS

Only the Chicago Cubs could lead the National League in hitting (.261), have four of the top 10 hitters in the N.L., come up with one of the finest young pitchers around, and still finish a sloppy fourth, 24 games behind New York. Given any luck at all, the Cubs will probably do worse in 1989. After all, they had the second-best hitter in the league in Rafael Palmeiro (.307 to Tony Gwynn's .313) and unloaded him in a strange deal with Texas for reliever Mitch Williams. The Cubs weren't enamored with Palmeiro because he didn't hit home runs (eight in 1988 after 14 in 1987), had defensive liabilities, and didn't run all that well. But where are the .300 hitters coming from? The N.L. had five last year. Even though, as Branch Rickey used to say, you could shake a tree and come up with a fancy fielder, hitters are a lot harder to find. Go figure the Cubs. This is the thinking that has kept them on the Series' sidelines for 44 years.

Williams (2-7, 4.63 ERA, 18 saves with Texas) is only 24. GM Jim Frey, who hasn't impressed with his baseball smarts since he led the Kansas City Royals to a title as field boss in 1980, thinks Williams, Calvin Schiraldi (returned to the bullpen), and a recovering Goose Gossage could give the Cubs decent relief. Not much has happened out there since they sent the intimidating Lee Smith to Boston.

Greg Maddux (18-8, 3.18 ERA, 140 strikeouts in 249 innings) is only 23 and should be a solid starter for years to come. Maddux is a slightly-built right-hander and there are indications his stamina or lack of same may keep him from the greatness predicted for him. Rick Sutcliffe, rumored to be in every baseball trade, will be 33 in June. The big redhead is still formidable on any given day, but those days are not given to him often enough. He was 13-14 with a 3.86 ERA, but pennants are not won by teams with big starters coming in under .500. Lefty Jamie Moyer (9-15, 3.48) was traded because he isn't a hard thrower. Scott Sanderson, who is but is also fighting arm problems, could give the Cubs a chance in the early going if he regains his Montreal form. Big Mike Harkey, the Cubs' No. 1 pick in '87, was 16-4 at Iowa/Pittsfield a year ago.

The Cubs didn't swoon in June last year, as is their custom. This time skipper Don Zimmer wasn't swallowing tobacco in frustration until July, when the pitching stopped dead, the hitters went on summer hiatus, and the gloves developed holes. It was a good thing the Cubs had night ball to distract the faithful.

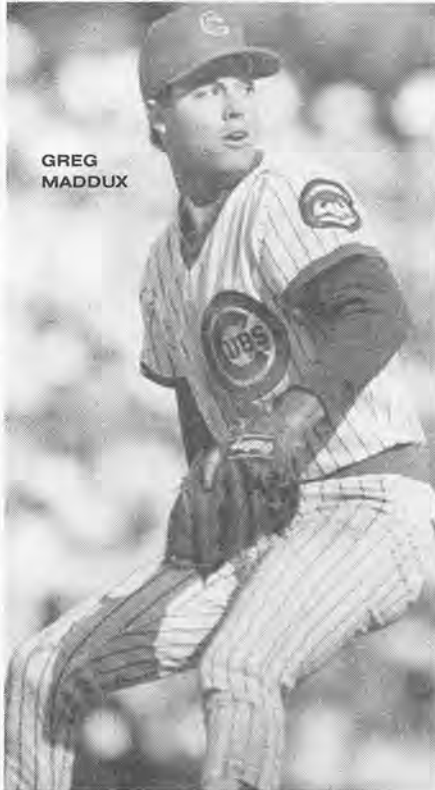
Damon Berryhill is a fine young receiver who allowed the Cubs to free Jody Davis from the rigors of daytime Chicago summer play. It was making Davis old before his time. The big catcher, however, probably won't like Atlanta in the summer, either. Berryhill has a strong arm, hit .259, and showed Zimmer that he was capable at 25 of assuming full-time chores behind the plate.

Mark Grace was an outstanding rookie first baseman with a potent left-handed bat, a .296 mark in his first season, just enough power (7 HR, 57 RBI) to entice the Cubs into thinking more was coming if they showed patience and a healthy attitude toward the game. Ryne Sandberg will be 30 in September and seems hardly the player (.264, 19, 69) he was in his wondrous 1984 MVP season. He has lost a step at second and seems more concerned

with long-ball stats than with hitting .300. Shawn Dunston will drive Zimmer mad. One day he is all-world with a potent bat, wide-range in the field, a rocket arm, and incredible intensity. The next day he will forget how many outs there are, steal second in a lost game, look awful on breaking pitches, and be the focal point of Chicago talk-show trades. If he can harness those physical skills, he could still become a superstar. If not, he will be a big bust in a long line of Chicago mistakes. Vance Law, the son of former Pirate pitcher Vernon Law and one of the best examples of a player finding a new home hospitable, batted a remarkable .293 in 151 games with 11 homers and 78 RBIs. He simply learned how to hit last year at the age of 32. He also played a strong third base. The Cubs, naturally, hope it was not his last hurrah.

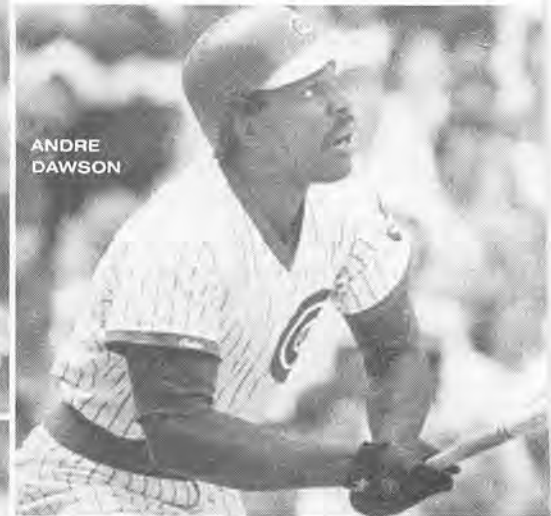
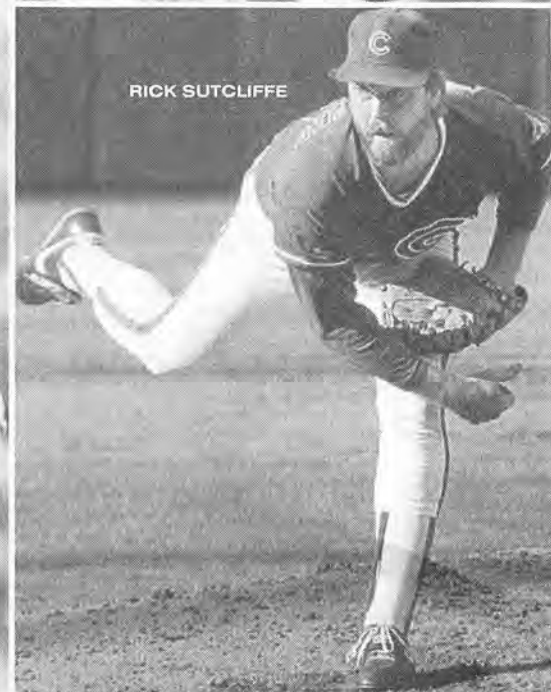


RYNE SANDBERG

GREG
MADDUX

Andre Dawson was the best player in baseball in 1987. He had a lot to prove after he was caught in a free-agency freeze. Last year he was still a nice player (.303, 24 HR, 79 RBI) but there were signs his bat was a shade slower and his knees were beginning to act up again. If Dawson breaks down—he will be 35 in July, and baseball midlife crisis begins about then—the Cubs will be in serious difficulties for a power outfielder. Darrin Jackson, a lithe (6-1, 170) right-handed-hitting speedster, showed promise in his first full season and could be an important cog in the Chicago attack. The Cubs need him to have a big year to pick up the slack left behind when the consistent Palmeiro was moved to Texas.

The Cubs won a division title in 1984 and blew the N.L.C.S. to the San Diego Padres. That was about as close to October fun as they have been in 44 years. It is hardly likely that the trade for Williams or the increase in night games will turn this tortured franchise around. The frustration could surface about June if the Cubs swoon. Zimmer and buddy Frey could feel the hatchet as the Cubs swing into their tenth five-year plan.

ANDRE
DAWSON

RICK SUTCLIFFE

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

The good news for the Phillies is that Mike Schmidt is back. The bad news for the Phillies is that Mike Schmidt is back. Hold the rebuilding. Schmidt, maybe baseball's best all-around third baseman ever, made threatening noises about moving on last winter. The Phillies hardly seemed to care. After all, even with 542 home runs, he was coming off shoulder surgery, clearly was losing his skills, and fast approaching 40. Life may begin at that age but baseball careers never do.

A funny thing happened to team president Bill Giles. He looked at his roster. While he was recovering from the sudden illness inflicted on him by that activity, Schmidt became more attractive. The Phillies decided that they had to have him, at least for appearances' sake. He wound up with a contract that would allow him to earn well over \$2 million, about the same as he made in 1988, if he performed as he did in 1980, 1981, and 1986. Those happened to be Schmidt's MVP years. He did hit 37 homers, knock in 119 runs, and bat .290 only three years ago. That's what the Phillies expect of him in 1989. Fat chance. The 12 homers, 62 RBIs, and .249 average in an injury-filled '88 summer would be more like it.

Von Hayes hit 21 homers and had 84 RBIs in 1987. The Phillies thought he had finally arrived as a superstar. Then he returned to snooze city, could make it to only 104 games, and batted .272 with six homers and 45 RBIs. He is 30 years old and all the hopes the Phillies had when they made that blockbuster deal for him in 1982 now seem gone.

Milt Thompson hit .288 last year, but he has little power, one of the reasons the Phillies were so desperate to bring back Schmidt. This is a team, after all, that batted a league-low .240 and had league-high 4.14 ERA. The Phils won last place the old fashioned way: they earned it. Players who hit .288 look pretty good on teams like this. Thompson, however, was traded to St. Louis for outfielder Curt Ford (.195) and catcher Steve Lake (.278). Rookie Ron Jones could help. He batted .290 in 33 games in Philly with eight homers and 26 RBIs after .267 (16, 75) at Maine. Phil Bradley (.264) found the National League a lot more difficult to deal with than the A.L. He was sent back to the junior circuit in a deal with Baltimore for reliever Ken Howell. Now, if the Phillies got Jay Howell that would be a deal to brag about. Chris James showed some power (19 HR and 66 RBI) but was far too inconsistent to be counted on for significant play.

Juan Samuel had an unbelievable season in 1987 with a .272 average, 28 homers, and 100 RBIs. Those are big-time numbers. He returned to second-base numbers last year, a truer indication of his skills, when he slipped to .243, 12 homers, and 67 RBIs. He struck out 151 times, far too many for a middle infielder with modest power, but he did provide some speed and excitement with 33 stolen bases. Tommy Herr was a topnotch player with the Cardinals. His ability is not questioned. His durability, coming off two-injury-filled years, has to be. The Phils keep telling Steve Jeltz he doesn't have to hit as long as he plays a solid, reliable shortstop. He started to believe them last year when he batted .187 in 148 games. The switch hitter actually went through 79 at-bats right-handed with a .152 average, not quite the kind of switching a middle infielder

named Frankie Frisch made famous in the N.L. Rookie Shane Turner showed he could easily replace Jeltz when he hit .171 in 18 games. First baseman Ricky Jordan batted .308 with 11 homers and 43 RBIs in just 69 games and had an 18-game hitting streak.

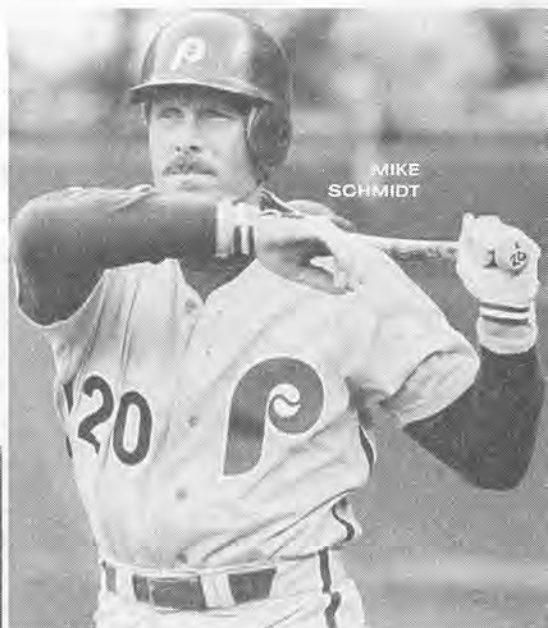
The Phillies sent Shane Rawley to Minnesota for Herr in one deal and Kevin Gross to Montreal in another and released Kent Tekulve. They acquired Floyd Youmans from the Expos and expect him to recover from his drug problems, as his friend Dwight Gooden did, and lead them into contention. No way. This is a guy who is still learning how to pitch at the age of 24. The Phillies will have to depend on Don Carman, Mike Maddux, David Palmer, and Bruce Ruffin to provide some stability to their pitching staff. Gross was the big



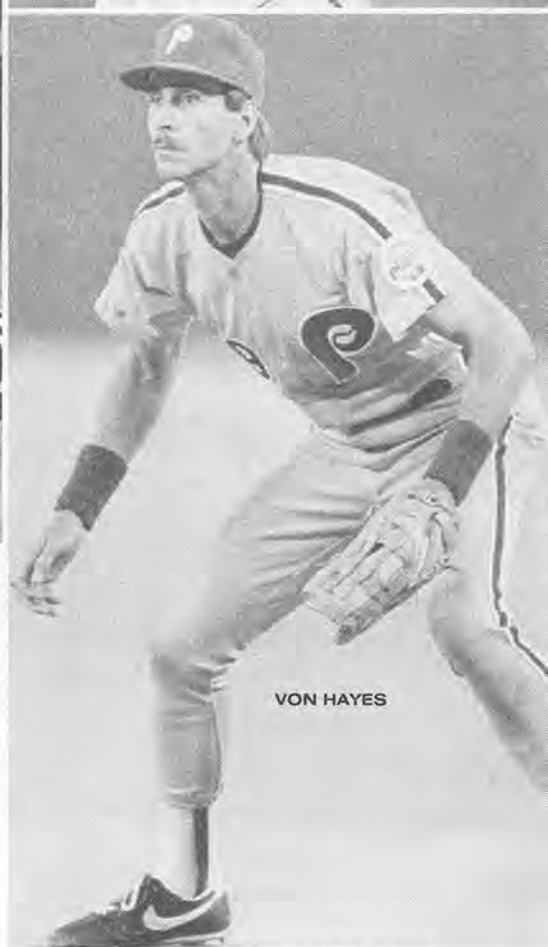
JUAN SAMUEL

winner last year with 12 victories. For that sin, he was not signed in 1989. That supposedly makes left-hander Carman (10-14, 4.29 ERA) the ace of the staff. He was 13-11 two years ago but went backward in '88, as just about all the Phillies did. Ruffin, another left-hander with size, power, and overwhelming potential, was unable to put two good games together last season. Is this any way to build a pitching staff? You bet it isn't.

The Phillies think they can get by with their modest starting staff because they have Bed Rock in the pen. No reliever could compensate for this mediocre group, though. In 1987, Steve Bedrosian, with 40 saves, was the National League Cy Young Award winner. Most observers believed a lot of those saves were soft, in games that were won anyway before Bedrosian showed up. Last year, he had 28 saves, a 6-6 mark, and a 3.75 ERA. Then the Phillies began offering him around to other clubs for a young starter. There were no takers. The other big-league general managers watch the games, too. Bedrosian, 31, is intimidating at 6-3 and 205, but the fastball has lost a bit of its hop of late. Philadelphia did bolster its bullpen by acquiring Jeff Parrett from Montreal, where he was 12-4 (2.65) with six saves.



MIKE SCHMIDT



VON HAYES

The Phillies sent unhappy catcher Lance Parrish and his big salary back to the American League with the California Angels. They will go behind the plate with Lake, John Russell, and Darren Daulton. Ouch.

It will be interesting to see if Schmidt has anything left as he approaches 40. That will be practically all that is exciting about the Phillies in 1989. New skipper Nick Leyva knows all about winning ugly. This is a team that will be losing ugly.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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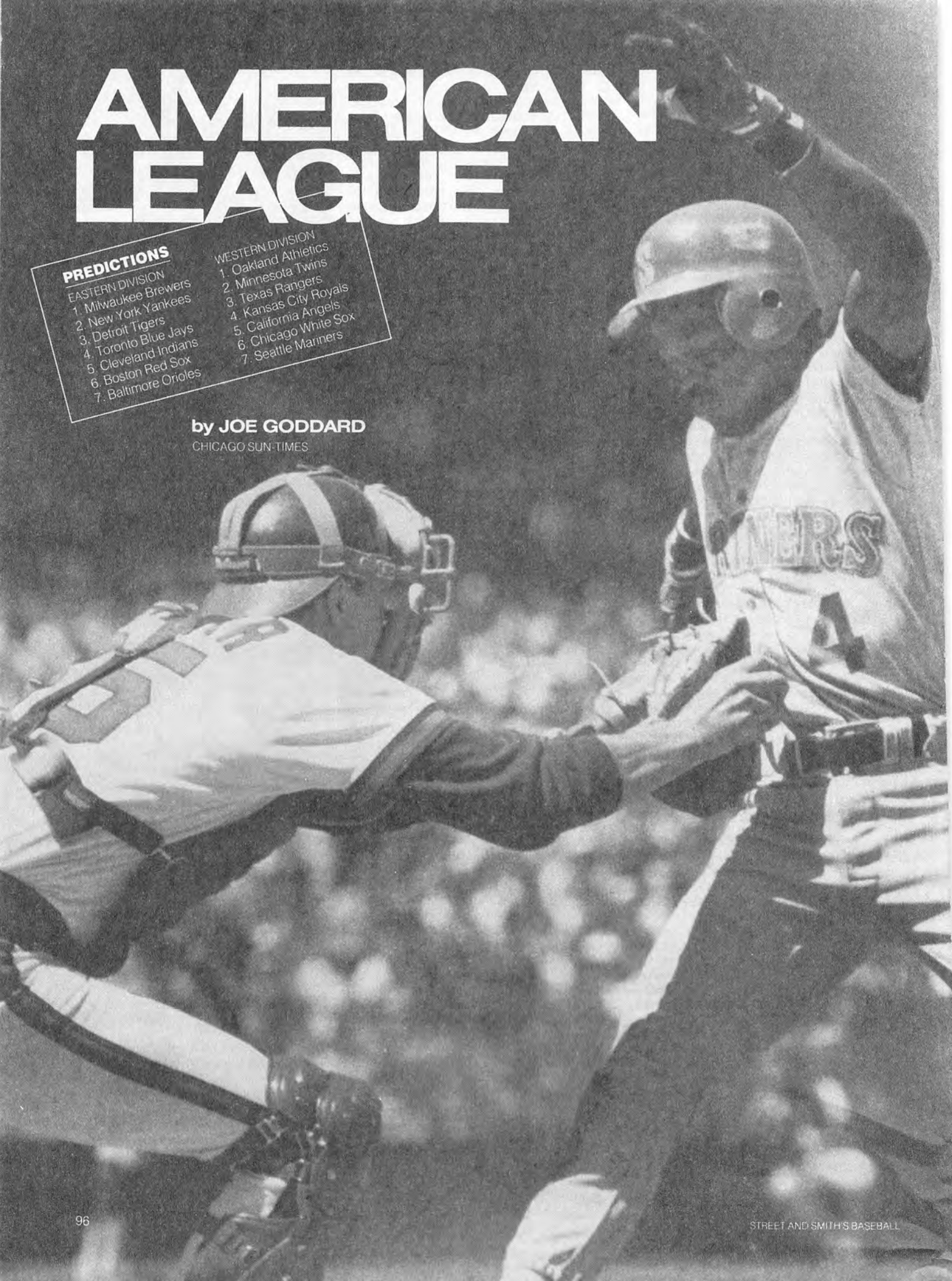
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by **JOE GODDARD**

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES



There hasn't been a World Series repeater in either league since 1977-78, when the New York Yankees dusted off the Los Angeles Dodgers twice. That could change this year. When the dust settles, the Oakland A's are expected to unpack their banners and bunting for another postseason appearance.

Two clubs will be unrecognizable without a program. One's easy to guess: the Yankees. Fiery Dallas Green comes storming in as manager, Steve Sax replaces popular captain Willie Randolph at second base, and Dave LaPoint, Andy Hawkins, Jimmy Jones, and Lance McCullers should bolster a pitching staff that was 12th in the league in ERA.

The Rangers are the other club. The eyes of Texas will be on the Western Division with an almost new team that includes Texas native Nolan Ryan. The Rangers won a fierce free-agent bidding war for the all-time strikeout ace, triggering a rush in ticket sales. The Rangers' acquisition of the former Houston Astro capped a flurry of winter activity by a team that hadn't traded much in two years. From the Chicago Cubs comes .307 Rafael Palmeiro, the National League's No. 2 hitter, and from Cleveland comes .303-hitting second baseman Julio Franco to flank free-agent resignee Scott Fletcher at shortstop. Despite the changes, the Rangers and other down-trodden teams are not expected to challenge the A's in the West. The California Angels haven't been champions in 28 years, the Rangers haven't won a division in 16, and the Seattle Mariners have never even been to .500.

The A's made many additions in 1988 to get into their first World Series since 1974, but only one to prepare for '89. He's Mike Moore, a free-agent right-hander whose record with lowly Seattle last season was only 9-15, but who fits nicely in a staff that includes 20-game winner Dave Stewart and 45-game savior Dennis Eckersley. The A's, who led the league in ERA with 3.44 last year, now have four starters who have won at least 16 games in a season: Stewart, Moore, Bob Welch, and Storm Davis. Combined with lefty Curt Young, they were 74-51 in 1988. League MVP Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire, baseball's Bruise Brothers, lead the offense and Rookie of the Year shortstop Walt Weiss the defense. Thanks to Weiss, the A's increased their double plays from 126 to 151.

The Minnesota Twins can't let the A's out of their sights the way they did last season, when they spent the summer trying to make up for a lost spring. The ingredients are there for a gate-to-wire race. Most notable are Cy Young Award winner Frank Viola, league ERA champion Allan Anderson, ace reliever Jeff Reardon, a packet of power producers in Kirby Puckett, Kent Hrbek, and knee-rehabilitation project Gary Gaetti, and Wally Backman from the New York Mets for second base. Here come the Rangers, riding up to third after finishing sixth, 33½ games behind the A's. "We felt we needed to change the chemistry of our club," gen-

eral manager Tom Grieve said. "Only time will tell if it's the right chemistry." Grieve hopes Palmeiro and Franco will "balance off" his free-swinging strikeout batters. The pressure's on Jeff Russell, converted from starter for the traded Mitch Williams, to save what Ryan starts. Ryan's presence with Charlie Hough should aid Bobby Witt, Jose Guzman, and Jamie Moyer, obtained with Palmeiro for Williams.

Kansas City is faced with age and inner turmoil, not necessarily in that order. It did sign free-agent catcher Bob Boone to bring together a pitching staff that was overrated last year. Steve Farr's further development as a bullpen closer is a must. The club thinks Bo Jackson is ready for greatness—if he avoids injury. Manager John Wathan must cement rifts among the veterans.

Chicago White Sox fans are disappointed their club didn't change for new manager Jeff Torborg after its third straight fifth-place finish, but maybe there was a reason. Led by the veteran battery of Jerry Reuss and Carlton Fisk, the club appears to have fine, young pitching in Melido Perez, Shawn Hillegas, and Jack McDowell. The franchise is counting down its final years in Comiskey Park.

The bullwhip of new manager Doug Rader hovers over the up-and-down California Angels, who signed 234-game winner and hometown veteran Bert Blyleven for a pitching staff that ranked 13th in ERA. Catcher Lance Parrish returns to the league with power that diminished in the National. His bat should help Wally Joyner get better pitches. The outfield defense is baseball's worst.

Jim Lefebvre becomes Seattle's sixth manager in eight years, but it's the same old look—minus Moore in the rotation. Young pitchers Mike Campbell and Erik Hanson seem ready to help strikeout master Mark Langston. Tom Niedenfuer, who saved 18 games for woeful Baltimore, joins a bullpen that could catch the league napping. Jeffrey Leonard, who slumped in Milwaukee after starring for San Francisco in the 1987 National League playoffs, should help Steve Balboni assault the close left-field wall.

The Eastern Division race is another six-headed coin toss. Last season only 11 games separated champion Boston from Cleveland. Milwaukee gains top consideration for pitching that continues to improve, position players who have been together a while, and the introduction of exciting infielder Gary Sheffield. The season-long health of Robin Yount and Paul Molitor is important, plus the return to 100 percent of Juan Nieves, Glenn Braggs, Greg Brock, and Dale Sveum. Put them altogether with stopper Teddy Higuera and closer Dan

Plesac and the Brewers are in contention. The bullpen was the best in the majors in save opportunities (.879).

Dallas Green is certain he and Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner will co-exist as nicely as birds of a feather. "We both like to win," Green said. What, and other teams don't? Despite the loss of Jack Clark (to San Diego) and the age of Dave Winfield (37), the Yankees should get back into the pennant picture after skidding to fifth a year ago. A lot depends upon John Candelaria's health and the new pitchers' ability to handle Steinbrenner's pressure. The man still doesn't understand he's disruptive.

The Toronto Blue Jays have made only two trades at the winter meetings since 1980. They didn't do anything this year either, but despite all the trouble they had last season with George Bell and others, they should contend. Their 45-29 record after the All-Star break was the best in the league. Dave Stieb begins the year with a runless streak over 31 innings, all-star shortstop Tony Fernandez has recovered from his injuries, and Fred McGriff is an MVP candidate.

Never count out Detroit! Not with Sparky Anderson managing, Jack Morris, Jeff Robinson, and Mike Henneman pitching, and Alan Trammell batting. Keith Moreland takes over first base for crowd favorite Darrell Evans, who was released. Anderson's ability to get players to do "the little things" keeps the Tigers afloat. This year will be no exception.

Looking for a dark horse? It's Cleveland with a Greg Swindell-Tom Candiotti-John Farrell rotation that is trying its best Bob Lemon-Early Wynn-Mike Garcia imitation. The club hopes Pete O'Brien, Jerry Browne, and Oddibe McDowell from Texas will offset the loss of Julio Franco.

The defending-champion Boston Red Sox suffered a devastating loss with the free-agent defection of 18-6 Bruce Hurst to San Diego. They hurried to trade for John Dopson of Montreal and Rob Murphy from Cincinnati to help the bullpen, but the two probably won't be enough. Nick Esasky from the Reds should help the attack on Fenway Park's left-field monster wall.

Poor Baltimore will just have to suffer until its flock of young pitching birds develops. In a few years, Bob Milacki, Gregg Olson, Pete Harnisch, and Jose Bautista should be ready to lead the Orioles out of a darkness that included a 20-61 road record last year. General manager Roland Hemond, whose five trades in 132 days were more than former GM Hank Peters made in 22 months, will be on the hot seat if Eddie Murray leads the Los Angeles Dodgers to another World Series title.

1988 FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB	WESTERN DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston.....	89	73	.549	—	Oakland	104	58	.642	—
Detroit	88	74	.543	1	Minnesota	91	71	.562	13
Milwaukee	87	75	.537	2	Kansas City	84	77	.522	19.5
Toronto	87	75	.537	2	California	75	87	.463	29
New York.....	85	76	.528	3.5	Chicago	71	90	.441	32.5
Cleveland	78	84	.481	11	Texas	70	91	.435	33.5
Baltimore	54	107	.335	34.5	Seattle	68	93	.422	35.5

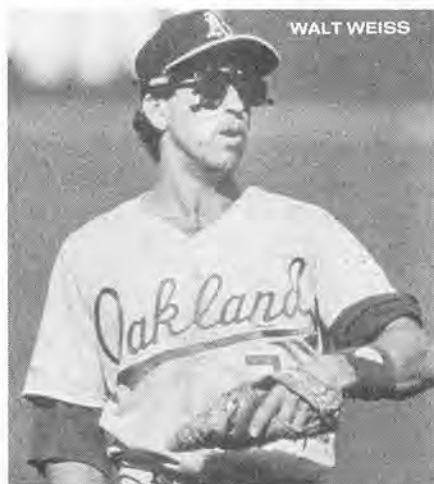
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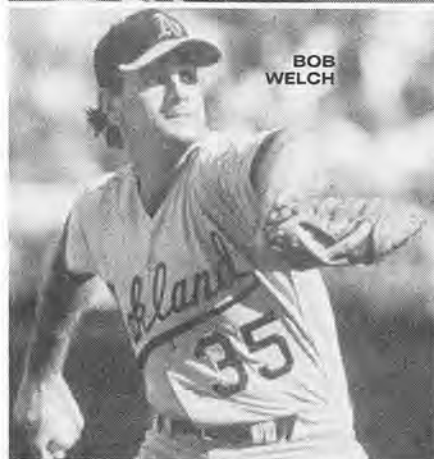
Tony LaRussa of the Oakland Athletics almost had it all last season when he got into the World Series with Most Valuable Player Jose Canseco, Fireman of the Year Dennis Eckersley, and Rookie of the Year Walt Weiss. Canseco became the first player ever to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season, Eckersley led the bullpen in saves, and shortstop Weiss boosted the double-play output. But the Los Angeles Dodgers dispatched the A's in four of five World Series games, leaving Mark McGwire to say, "Next year, we'll be salty veterans at this thing."

Next year is now, and the A's have free-agent Mike Moore from Seattle to boost a fairly strong rotation. In order for them to repeat their phenomenal 1988 season of 104 victories, however, they must avoid injuries. If Canseco goes out or Eckersley, Weiss, or McGwire, the A's will be in a bit of trouble.

Opponents were in trouble from April 20 last season when the A's took over first place and



WALT WEISS



BOB WELCH

never looked back. Their win total allowed LaRussa to join Connie Mack and Dick Williams as the club's only managers to go over 100. Mack did it five times, Williams in 1971. Most of last year's victories were finished off in the bullpen, where the relievers set a major-league record of 64 saves. Eckersley alone had 45, one short of Dave Righetti's 1986 major-league record. He had a 4-2 record and 2.35 earned-run average and was so effective



MARK MCGWIRE

JOSE CANSECO

during his saves that opponents hit only .198 off him. LaRussa will feel secure if Eckersley keeps it up along with Greg Cadaret (5-2, 2.89, 3 saves), Rick Honeycutt (3-2, 3.50, 7), Gene Nelson (9-6, 3.06, 3), and Eric Plunk (7-2, 3.00, 5). "Each offers a different look," LaRussa said of their deliveries and pitches. Jim Corsi will gain a look, too, for 16 saves and a 2.75 ERA at Triple A Tacoma.

Dave Stewart, a reliever when LaRussa took over in 1987, has had the best look among starters the last two years. He followed a major-league-high 20 victories that season with 21-12, 3.23 last year. Bob Welch moved into the No. 2 spot behind Stewart with 17-9, 3.64 in his first season in the American League after 10 in the National, where he averaged 11.5 victories per year for the Dodgers. Storm Davis, who also responded to a change of scenery with a 10-game win streak that led to 16-7 and 3.70 after 2-7 for most of the previous year in San Diego, may have to take a small step back for Moore. Discouraged by six years of futility in Seattle, where he was 9-15 last season with a 3.78, Moore has struck out 100 batters five straight years. Curt Young seems to be the fifth man after coming back from injury and a penchant for giving up home runs (five in one game) to go 11-8, 4.14. Todd Burns (8-2, 3.16) had a grip on fifth until Moore was signed. He'll be challenged to make the team by Steve Ontiveros (3-4, 4.61) and Dave Otto, who overcame surgery to post a 3.52 ERA for Tacoma. Matt Young's availability is unknown following elbow surgery.

Back to handle the staff are the productive catching platoon of All-Star Game hero Terry Steinbach (.265, 9 HR, 51 RBI) and Ron Hassey (.257, 7, 45).

The A's actually were outthomered by Toronto last season, 158 to 156, but Canseco and McGwire combined for 74, the most for two teammates (Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds had 66 for the New York Mets). Their combined efforts will be necessary again this year because no one can guarantee Dave Henderson will have another career year of .304, 24, 94 and Dave Parker will be 38 in June. Parker might have hit 20 homers, but missed 44 games from torn thumb ligaments to finish .257, 12, 55.

The infield is set except for second base, where Glenn Hubbard (.255), Tony Phillips (.203), and Mike Gallego (.209) will battle rookie Lance Blankenship (.265, 40 steals at Tacoma). First baseman McGwire (.260, 32, 99) fell off from his record-breaking year of 49 homers, but was second in league game-winning RBIs, with 20. Shortstop Weiss climbed to .250, 3, 39, but it was his fielding that led to the club's third straight Rookie of the Year. He had a string of 50 straight errorless games. Carney Lansford made only seven errors at third base, but confused even himself by going from .402 early in May to an overall .279, 7, 57 and 29 thefts. Ed Jurak (.295 at Tacoma) is a utility candidate.

An all-purpose outfield is headed by Canseco, who knows to look around when someone calls out "Mr. Universe." He earned it by leading the major leagues in homers (42), RBIs (124), and slugging percentage (.569) while hitting .307 and stealing 40 bases. Henderson anchors center field. Stan Javier (.257, 2, 35) and Luis Polonia (.292, 2, 27) bring speed to left field as a platoon. Doug Jennings (.208) and Felix Jose (.317, 83 RBI at Tacoma) could stick.

MINNESOTA TWINS

Numerically, the Minnesota Twins did just fine in 1988. They drew over three million fans at home, had six more victories than their 1987 championship team, boasted the league's Cy Young Award winner (Frank Viola), owned a .356 hitter who drove in 121 runs (Kirby Puckett), had the league's ERA leader (Allan Anderson), watched a reliever break the club record for saves (Jeff Reardon), and led the major leagues in defense (and in triple plays). But the only number that counted was two, and it counted against them. The Twins finished second to Oakland in the American League West. It took too long for them to get started in defense of their title. They made a few mild runs at the top, but the A's kept pulling ahead.

Manager Tom Kelly, given a contract extension in midseason, and general manager Andy MacPhail looked at the bright side. Kelly: "We began the season 4-11 and at one point we got to 18 games over .500. We went from last place to second. We're the only ones who took a halfway shot at them [A's]." MacPhail: "If we were in any other division, we would have been right up there, but there's no sense crying because we benefited from being in this division last year."

The Twins may not have won, but they had a better team due to improved pitching. By parting with aging pitchers Steve Carlton, Joe Niekro, and Tippy Martinez, the Twins gave Anderson a chance to pitch in the rotation after starting him in the minor leagues. And now they're without another old-timer. Bert Blyleven left for the California Angels. He was not mourned, having fallen to 10-17. Anderson responded to his opportunity with an ERA title of 2.45, a 16-9 record and only 37 walks in 202 innings. Combined with Viola, who won the Cy Young Award with a major-league-best 24-7 and 2.64, the two left-handers had a 40-16 record and helped lower the staff's ERA from 4.63 to 3.93. The Twins think they've solved a problem with the rest of the starters by trading second baseman Tommy Herr, who had cost them slugger Tom Brunansky from the St. Louis Cardinals in one of MacPhail's few bad trades, for Shane Rawley. Although he struggled with the lowly Phillies, Rawley (8-16, 4.18) brings experience and innings. The Twins hope he'll respond to a pennant challenge. Fred Toliver is under consideration for the third or fourth spot off 7-6, 4.24. A healthy Les Straker should help, too. The No. 3 starter in the 1987 World Series, Straker (2-5, 3.92) went on the disabled list twice for an elbow problem. Charlie Lea (7-7, 4.85) and Roy Smith (12-9 at Triple A Portland) are also in competition.

The Twins are in tiptop shape in the bullpen as long as Reardon keeps cranking out saves. His 42 last season shattered Ron Perranoski's 1970 club record of 34 and made Reardon the first pitcher to save over 40 in each league. Hyper Juan Berenguer (8-4, 3.96) and Keith Atherton (7-5, 3.41) remain Reardon's front men. German Gonzalez with 31 saves and a 1.02 ERA at AA Orlando and Mike Cook (5-9 at Triple A Edmonton), part of the package from California for Blyleven, complete the relief picture. Gary Wayne, drafted from Montreal, also may be kept.

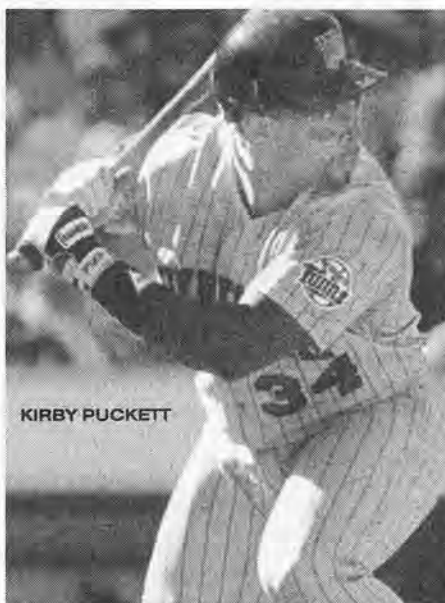
So much depends upon the recovery from arthroscopic knee surgery of Gold Glove third

baseman Gary Gaetti. His absence late in the season deflated whatever chances the Twins had of overtaking Oakland. Gaetti came back a born-again performer to finish .301 with 28 home runs and 88 RBIs. Without Gaetti in the lineup, the marvelous Puckett struggled to pick up the load. With Gaetti, Puckett put up a .356 average, 24 homers, 121 RBIs, and 109 runs. In five years, only Harmon Killebrew has driven in more Twins' runs and only Rod Carew has batted higher. Puckett's 234 hits were the most by a right-handed American League hitter since Al Simmons's 253 in 1925. Add first baseman Kent Hrbek (.312, 25, 76) and the Twins have one of the game's most feared middle lineups.

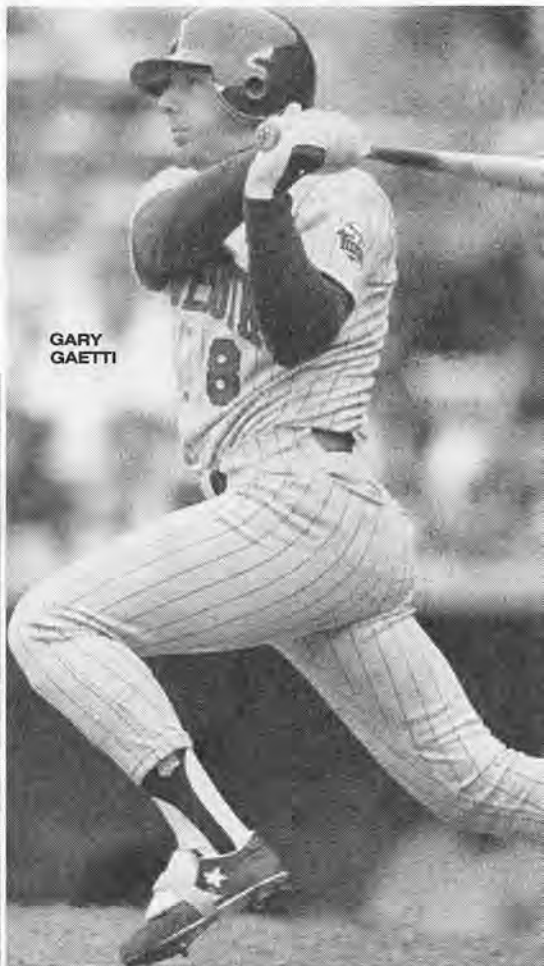
Left fielder Dan Gladden (.269, 11, 62 and 28 steals), who led off five games with homers, needs help at the top. That could come from second baseman Wally Backman from the National League East champion New York Mets (.303 in a platoon role). Second base had been weakened from Herr's frequent leg problems. Steve Lombardozzi (.209, 3, 27) is the odd man looking out again. Shortstop belongs to Greg Gagne, who hits for surprising power (.236, 14, 48) but not

much else (27 walks, 110 strikeouts). Al Newman gives speed to the bench.

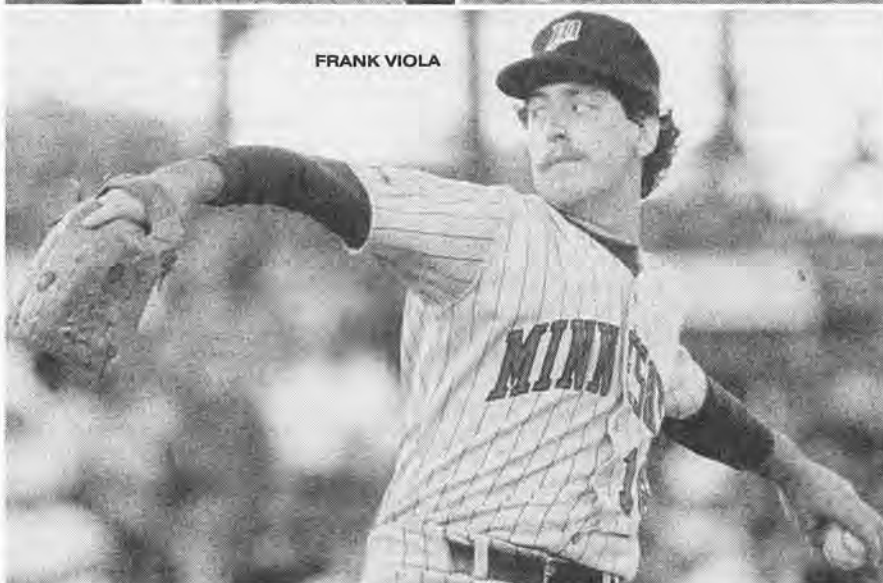
Tim Laudner, his average improved 60 points to .251 (13, 54), handles the catching and Gene Larkin has proved to be an able designated hitter for 11 game-winning RBIs to go with .267, 8, 70. With Puckett and Gladden in the outfield are Randy Bush (.261, 14, 51), Brian Harper (.295, 3, 20), John Moses (.316, 2, 12), and John Christensen (.304 at Portland). Jim Dwyer (.255, 2, 18) is a valuable left-handed DH and pinch hitter.



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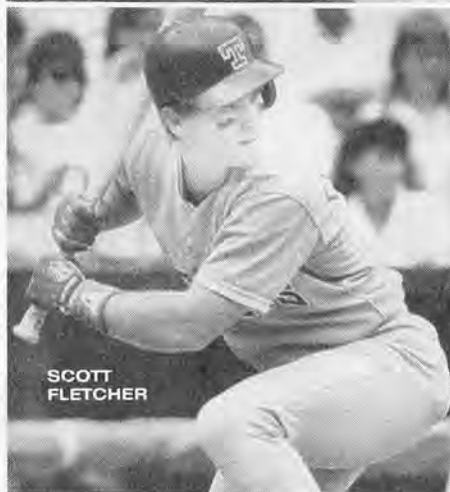
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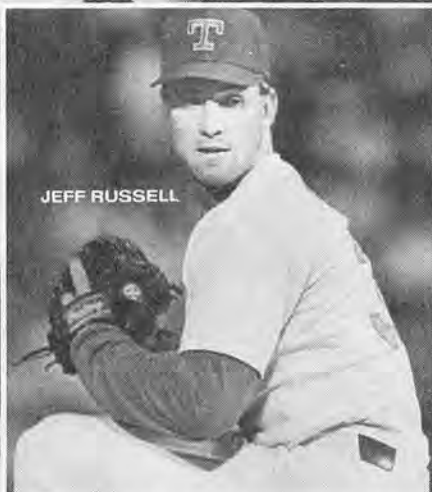
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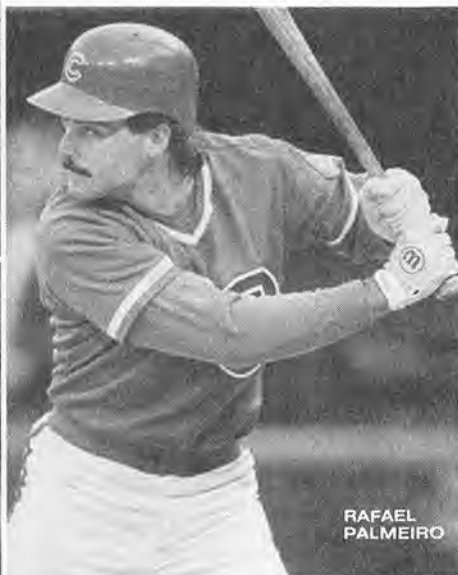
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TEXAS RANGERS

Texas Rangers' general manager Tom Grieve didn't like what he saw last year, a sixth-place finish after high hopes. So...he did something about it. Moving quickly with trades and the club's checkbook, Grieve gained .307-hitting Rafael Palmeiro from the Chicago Cubs and Julio Franco (.303) from Cleveland, signed strikeout king Nolan Ryan as a free agent, and re-signed shortstop Scott Fletcher. "You can't help but recognize what Oakland and the Dodgers did last winter with trades and signings," Grieve said of the World Series combatants.

For the team to improve upon its 1988 finish, the pitchers must improve behind Ryan. They led the league in complete games, thanks mainly to Bobby Witt and Charlie Hough, and gave up the fewest hits. But they easily led the major leagues in walks, tied a major-league record by allowing nine grand-slam home runs, and were 24th in bullpen effectiveness. They were only partly to blame. The hitters and fielders each were 11th in the A.L. Don't even mention the designated hitters! They were the worst lot (.197 average) since the DH was invented. In three years, they've struck out 533 times.

Manager Bobby Valentine's new team has the fans' interest for now. Hough thought last year's group was "the best club we've had. For whatever reason, it didn't jell."

The jelling starts with all the new players, especially on the mound, where Ryan takes over after leading the National League in

strikeouts with 228 in 220 innings in Houston. He was 12-11 for the Astros with a 3.52 ERA. Ryan's presence allows Witt to progress more normally. Witt could be the pitcher of the '90s. Demoted to Triple A Oklahoma City when he started with an 0-5 record and 7.68 ERA, he returned with a new delivery and revised forkball, went 8-5 and 2.93 the second half for a composite 8-10, 3.92. Completing 11 games in that span, including nine in a row to tie the club record by Fergie Jenkins (1974) and Gaylord Perry ('76), Witt held the opposition to a .216 batting average. Like Ryan, Hough (15-16, 3.32) shows no sign of slowing down. At 41, he's a year younger than Ryan. He has led the team in victories seven straight years. Detroit's Jack Morris is the only one with more wins the last 10 years. Ryan and Hough take pressure off young Jose Guzman (11-13, 3.70). Jamie Moyer, obtained from the Cubs in the Palmeiro trade, takes Paul Kilgus's place in the rotation. He was a luckless 9-15, 3.48 with the Cubs. Kevin Brown heads a cast of characters for the fifth spot.

All-star Jeff Russell (10-9, 3.82) probably will replace Williams as the bullpen closer. He prefers the role. The pen had the fewest victories (10) and highest ERA (4.48) in the A.L. Craig McMurtry, a 15-game winner as a starter with Atlanta in 1983, was a relief surprise with a 2.25 ERA and .180 opposing average (3-3 record). He and Cecilio Guante, who compiled most of his 5-6, 2.82, and 12 saves with the Yankees, are in middle relief with Rick Raether (4-1, 0.96, 16 saves at Tulsa) and left-

handlers Drew Hall (4-3, 2.34, 19 at Iowa) and Ed Vande Berg (2-2, 4.14), who allowed just three of 33 inherited runners to score. Rehab cases Ray Hayward (4-6, 5.46), Jeff Cecena, and Gary Mielke will compete with Oklahoma City hopefuls Mike Jeffcoat (2.80 ERA), Dwayne Henry (98 strikeouts in 76 innings), Scott May, and Dewayne Vaughn. Anything from Edwin Correa, who missed 1988 with shoulder surgery, will be a bonus.

The catchers are veterans, including Texas favorite Jim Sundberg. He hit .286 after idling behind Jody Davis with the Chicago Cubs. He'll compete with Gino Petralli (.282, 7 HR, 36 RBI) and Mike Stanley (.229, 3, 27).

The Rangers believe this is the year for their outfield of Ruben Sierra (.254, 23, 91), Pete Incaviglia (.249, 22, 54), and Cecil Espy (.248, 2, 39). Only 23, Sierra led or tied the team in 11 offensive categories. Bothered by a back injury, Incaviglia has seen his power statistics go down in two years since his rookie season of 30 HRs and 88 RBIs. He tied for the league lead in strikeouts with 153 in 116 games, the highest rate since Pat Seerey's 102 in 105 games in 1948. Incaviglia, however, has become a more complete player through defense. Espy, given an opportunity when Oddibe McDowell briefly was returned to Oklahoma City, set a club stolen-base record for a rookie with 33.

The infield was vastly improved with the trades and the signing of Fletcher. Palmeiro converts from the outfield to succeed first baseman Pete O'Brien, traded with McDowell and Jerry Browne for Franco. A contact hitter, Palmeiro must improve his run production for the Rangers to contend. He only had 8 homers and 53 runs batted in for the Cubs with no game-winning RBIs. Franco gives the club its best second-base play in the decade as well as speed. He has hit over .300 the last three years. He'll team with Fletcher (.276, 47 RBI), who improved his pocketbook with a free-agent tug of war with a handful of teams before re-signing with Texas. He set a club mark for fielding (.983) before a pitch broke his left thumb. The club resisted trade overtures and kept Steve Buechele at third base. He was .250, 16, 58. Jeff Kunkel (.227) and former Yankee Bobby Meacham (.217) are in reserve.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

It's now or never for many of Kansas City's veterans. Win or go! Most will probably go after this year, having contributed much bickering and backstabbing in 1988. They fought among themselves on airplanes and in the clubhouse, prompting reliever Steve Farr to wonder about their priorities. "We've got some guys here who don't even want to go on the field," he said.

Fortunately, the farm system is preparing some who do. Triple A Omaha, featuring American Association MVP first baseman Luis Delos Santos and flame-throwing right-hander Tom "Flash" Gordon, won the Western Division by playing 20 games above .500. And AA Memphis took its Southern League division behind MVP outfielder Matt Winters.

But until the prospects are in place for the 1990s, the Royals will try for final moments of greatness from such oldies-but-goodies as Bob Boone, George Brett, Frank White, Willie Wilson, Charlie Leibrandt, Floyd Bannister, and Bill Buckner. Not a bad way to go out. Free-agent catcher Boone from the California Angels may be 41, but he could lead Kansas City out of the wilderness with his Gold Glove defense and pitch-calling. First baseman Brett at 35 hit .306 for last year's third-place Royals with 24 home runs and 103 runs batted in. Second baseman White at 37 almost won his ninth Gold Glove. He hit .235 (8 and 58), his worst offensive output since 1976. Center fielder Wilson at 33 was .262 (1, 37) with 35 steals in 42 tries and co-league leader in triples with 11. Left-handers Leibrandt rallied from a pokey start to finish 13-12 with a 3.19 earned-run average and Bannister won 12 games (13 losses, 4.33) for his fourth team in 12 years. Buckner hit .286 as a pinch hitter with a league-high 11 RBIs.

Manager John Wathan's problem is to keep the bickering veterans from distracting the team's heart of the future in Danny Tartabull, Kevin Seitzer, Bo Jackson, and Kurt Stillwell. They're just starting to come into their own. Right fielder Tartabull was so upset last summer that he wanted to be traded, and he's only

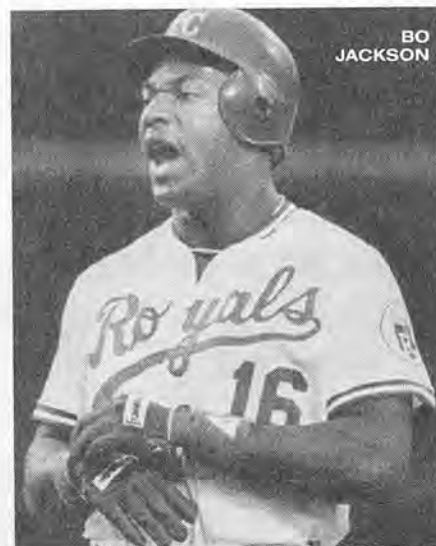
26. A bull on offense with 274, 26, 102, he did have trouble with runners in scoring position in important games. He and John Mayberry are the only Royals to hit 25 homers and have 100 RBIs in back-to-back seasons. Left fielder Jackson, who had a string of nine straight strikeouts after recovering from a torn hamstring, is the first Royal to hit 25 homers and steal 25 bases. He hit .246 with 68 RBIs. Third baseman Seitzer followed his .323 rookie season with .304 (5, 60) but remained unsteady afield with 26 errors. Stillwell was giving the Royals their long-awaited shortstop defense before an abdominal muscle strain put him out with .251, 10, 53. Utility infielder is in the hands of Brad Wellman (.271), Bill Pecota (.208), and Buddy Biancalana, while Gary Thurman will try to contribute in the outfield after being returned to the minors for .167 with the big club. Other outfield possibilities are Jim Eisenreich (.218) and Nick Capra (.289, 28 steals at AAA Omaha). Pat Tabler, whose forte is hitting with the bases loaded, is the DH with Bill Buckner, whose 2,699 hits lead all active players. The club used eight DHs until gaining Tabler from Cleveland.

There was a three-way tug of war at catcher until Boone was signed. Ed Hearn is ready after almost two years out with a rotator-cuff injury. Mike Macfarlane (.265, 4, 26) thought he was doing fine last season until he was returned to Omaha, supposedly as an example for the pitchers' second-half breakdown. Larry Owen had better luck, particularly with Leibrandt, but hit only .210.

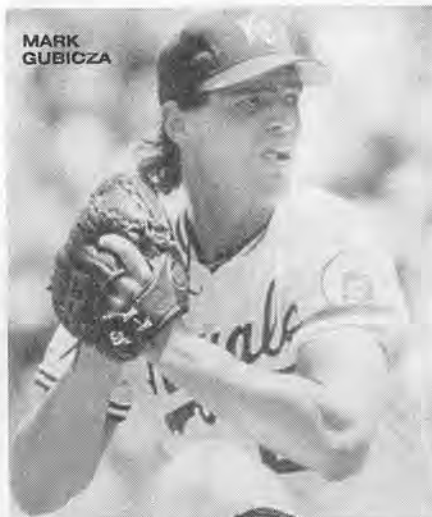
The pitchers owe coach Frank Funk one. He

predicted they'd be the best staff in baseball. They weren't. Their 3.65 ERA was third in the league and 12th in the majors. It would have been worse if not for Mark Gubicza, whose 2.70 allowed him to post a 20-8 record. He lost 18 games the previous season. Attempting to recapture his 1985 greatness of 20-6 and 2.87, Bret Saberhagen has to improve upon 14-16, 3.80. To prevent the Oakland A's and Minnesota Twins from sprinting away with the division lead, the Royals need faster starts from Leibrandt and Bannister, who went out late in '88 with shoulder weariness. Wathan and Funk can help by staying away from their ill-fated plan of letting the four starters work six or seven innings so the bullpen can do the rest. Luis Aquino figures to be the fifth starter. He was 8-3, 2.85 at Omaha. Zip Sanchez (2.91 Omaha ERA) is available.

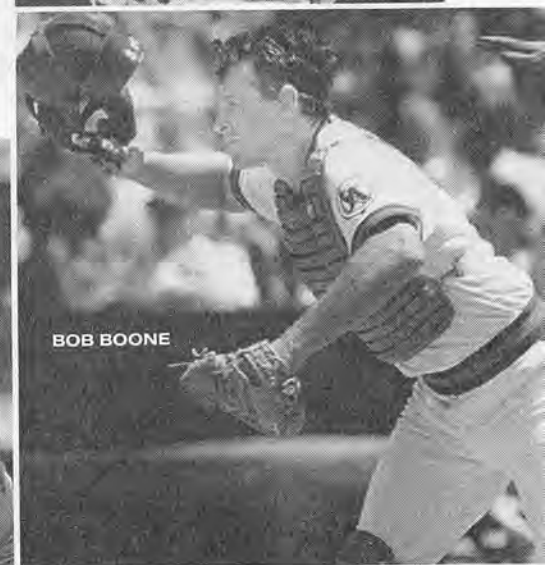
The Royals must decide where to put Gordon, who at three minor-league stops had a combined 16-5 record with an average of 12 strikeouts a game. He could join Farr as a closer but probably will be allowed to settle in at middle relief. Farr responded to the departure of Dan Quisenberry by saving 20 games with a 5-4 record and 2.50 ERA. Jeff Montgomery (7-2, 3.45), Rick Anderson (2-1, 4.24), and lefty Jerry Don Gleaton (0-4, 3.55) are the setup men.



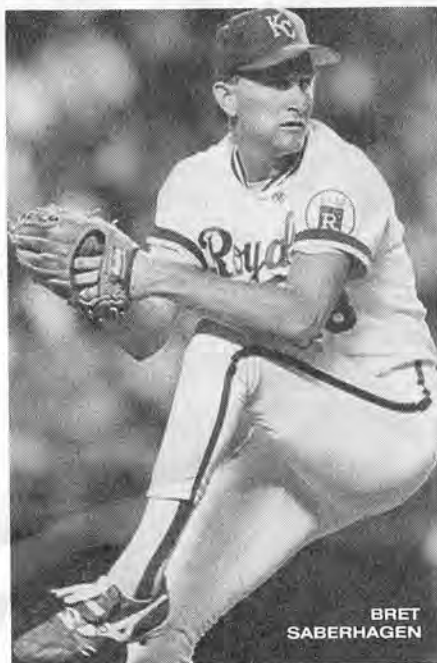
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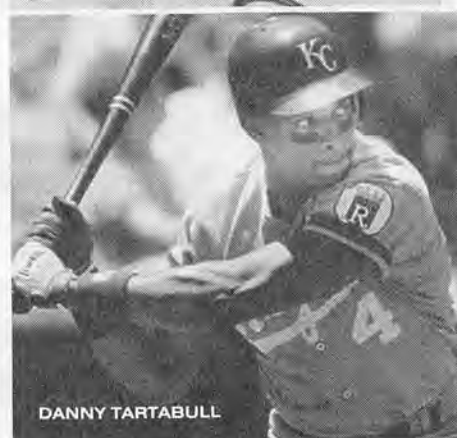
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CALIFORNIA ANGELS

Just when fans of the California Angels thought it was time for either a youth movement or a new look, their team signed a slumping pitcher who will be 38 opening day, failed to sign an even older Hall of Fame candidate, and forsook a Gold Glove catcher who hit .295 for one who batted .215 in the other league. For gaining Bert Blyleven, who faded with Minnesota; for not signing Nolan Ryan, and for letting Bob Boone become a free agent after trading for Philadelphia's Lance Parrish, general manager Mike Port was promoted and given complete charge of the club.

In charge of whipping together a seemingly lethargic 1988 team is Doug Rader. All it has to do, according to Rader, is follow the example of its freeway brothers, the world champion Los Angeles Dodgers. "The Dodgers didn't play over their heads," said Rader, who previously managed Texas and is California's 12th skipper in 28 years. "They played to their abilities and other clubs did not. We don't have excellent talent, but it's good enough to get us headed in the right direction."

The Angels had a strange '88 under Cookie Rojas, a surprise choice to succeed Gene Mauch, who resigned during spring training. They stumbled coming out of the chute, had a midseason run of 31-11, then lost their last 12 games to finish 75-87, their same record from the previous year. Blyleven, winner of 254 career games, will try to lead the Angels out of the wilderness while turning about his own career. Obtained from the Twins for three minor leaguers, Blyleven was 10-17 with a 5.43 ERA, easily his worst performance in 19 years. The Angels are hoping Blyleven will respond to the proximity of home 10 minutes from Anaheim.

Any kind of response from the pitching rota-

tion will be appreciated. No starter last season had an ERA below 4.15. Mike Witt and Willie Fraser combined for 25 victories, but between them they allowed an average of almost 1½ runners per inning. Witt (13-16, 4.15 ERA), who had won at least 15 games for four straight seasons, must avoid another slow start. Through early June, he was 2-7, 5.38. Fraser (12-13, 5.41) showed no progress from his rookie season of 10-10, 3.92. His 33 home runs allowed were the most in the league. Kirk McCaskill (8-6, 4.31) is the key to California's turnaround. He was 8-6, 4.31 following 1987 elbow surgery before finally succumbing to an irritated radial nerve. At 28, he's just entering his peak years. "I don't want to be remembered as a guy who's always getting hurt," he said. Time, however, may be running out on Dan Petry (3-9, 4.38), another who has to reprove himself from injuries. Chuck Finley (9-15, 4.17) is the only left-handed starter. He seems on the brink of stardom, especially if he finds his control. Like Fraser, his goal is complete games. At 27, Terry Clark tied Bo Belinsky's club-record start by a rookie with 5-0, but struggled to finish 6-6, 5.07.

Bryan Harvey, a Rookie of the Year contender (7-5, 17 saves, 2.13 ERA), will be brought along slowly following the removal of a loose fragment in his arm. He needs more setup help. The club hopes it will be provided

by Sherm Corbett (2-1, 4.14), who gained control at Double A Midland. Greg Minton did his best (4-5, 7 saves, 2.85) last season, but he's 3-7. Stu Cliburn (4-2, 4.07) is still around, as is DeWayne Buice (2-4, 5.88).

The Angels take pride in a home-grown infield of Wally Joyner, Mark McLemore, Dick Schofield, and Jack Howell, but the unit has to become more involved in run production. First baseman Joyner rallied from a horrendous start to bat .295 with 13 home runs and 85 RBIs, but by then, the Angels were out of it. Second baseman McLemore (.240, 2, 16) was injured, benched, and finally returned to the minors. Shortstop Schofield committed just 13 errors, but may be on his last Angel legs off another sub-par offensive year (.239, 6, 34). Third baseman Howell (.254, 63 RBI) hit 16 homers in his first season as a regular after 23 as a part-timer in '87. He struck out 130 times in 500 at-bats. Rader will check out prospects Joe Redfield (.290 at Edmonton) and Jeff Manto (.301, 24, 101 at Midland). Junior No-boia (.296 at Edmonton) is a swing man.

The outfield can only get better defensively. Right fielder Chili Davis (.268, 21 HR) led the team in RBIs (93) in his first season in the American League but made 19 errors. Converted from second base, Johnny Ray (.306, 6, 83) had great difficulty in left field and may end up back at second now that ex-Yankee Claudell Washington (.308, 11, 64) has signed. Devon White is coming off an off year of .259, 11, 51 from arthroscopic knee surgery in May. The Angels may have to buy another year to allow Dante Bichette (14 HR at Edmonton) and Lee Stevens (23 HR at Midland) to develop. Thad Bosley (.260), Mike Brown (.220), and Marcus Lawton are in reserve.

Clutch-hitting Brian Downing, 38, fell to .242 and 64 RBIs as DH, but he had 25 homers and 12 game-winning RBIs. Parrish is on the spot as a replacement for the popular Boone. To back him up, the Angels traded for Milwaukee's Bill Schroeder (.156, but .332 in 1987).



KIRK McCASKILL



MIKE WITT



BRIAN DOWNING



MARK McLEMORE



CARLTON
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CHICAGO WHITE SOX

No strangers to fifth place, the Chicago White Sox finished there for the third straight year while serving as a strange side show to politics. The club almost was moved to St. Petersburg, Fla. before 11th hour legislation, spearheaded by Governor James Thompson, approved construction of a new stadium in a few years. Perhaps by then the White Sox will be in a contending position.

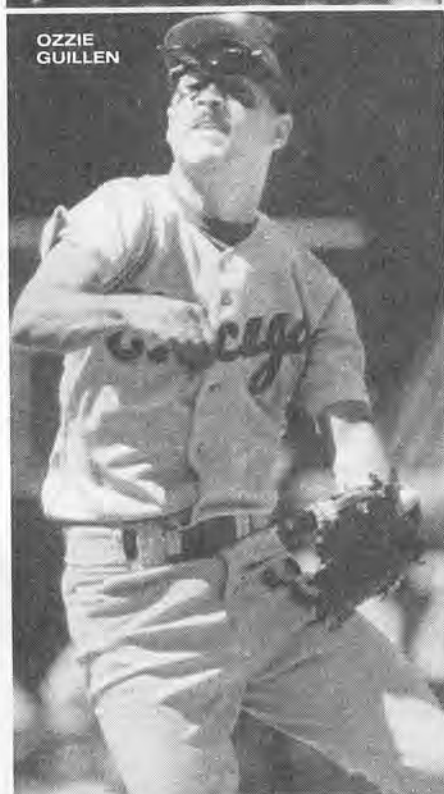
New manager Jeff Torborg feels the players are ready to contend this year. "I wasn't sure what to expect when I started calling them, but the enthusiasm was amazing," Torborg said upon replacing Jim Fregosi. "Harold Baines said, 'We're tired of losing. We want to win, right away.'"

That will take some doing. The only .300 hitter last season was a rookie—Dave Gallagher, and he'll probably be a reserve. The most consistent power hitter was 40 years old—Carlton Fisk. The winningest pitcher was 39—Jerry Reuss. The Nos. 4 through 6 hitters missed an average of 78 games each—Fisk, Greg Walker, and Ivan Calderon. The defense was the worst in the major leagues—154 errors, including 46 at third base. Only two players started more than 100 games at the same position—shortstop Ozzie Guillen and third baseman Steve Lyons. To buttress the offense, which was 13th in the league (.244), the club signed Ron Kittle, who hit 16 of his 18 home runs for Cleveland last year as a designated hitter. It also signed long-time Boston batting coach Walt Hrinak, a favorite of Dwight Evans and Wade Boggs.

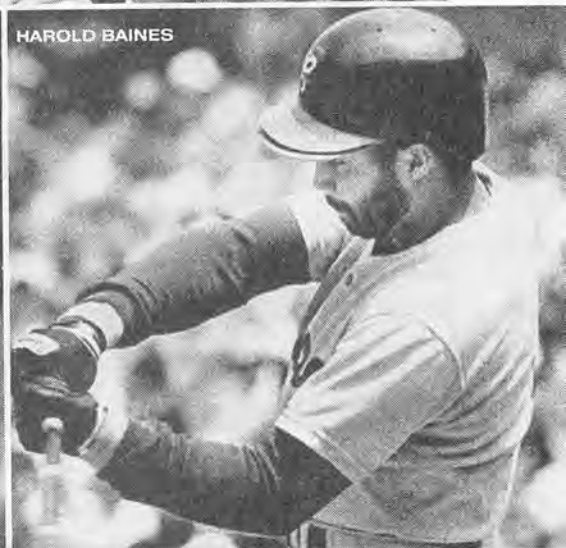
Torborg has a decent pitching staff for new coach Sammy Ellis. All but Reuss are young, especially the rest of the rotation. Melido Perez and Jack McDowell each are 23 and Shawn Hillegas 24. Relief closer Bobby Thigpen is 25 and setup man Barry Jones 26. Reuss (13-9 record, 3.44 ERA) was runner-up for league comeback player. A spring-training invitee, he proved he was rehabilitated from two elbow surgeries. Perez gained Rookie of



BOBBY THIGPEN



OZZIE
GUILLEN



HAROLD BAINES

the Year consideration for 12-10, 3.79. McDowell went into the season as a rookie candidate too, but he struggled from lack of offensive support and a battle with himself. An injury left him 5-10, 3.97. Hillegas went 3-2, 3.15 in six starts after being traded by the Los Angeles Dodgers. The fifth spot is up for grabs. Veteran Bill Long (8-11, 4.03) will be contested by Ken Patterson and Adam Peterson, who helped Triple A Vancouver to the regular-season Pacific Coast League title. Patterson was 6-5, 3.23 and Peterson 14-7, 3.22. Other youngsters to watch are Tom McCarthy (8-3 at AAA Tidewater) and Vancouver product Greg Hibbard (11-11).

Thigpen is a horse in the bullpen. Involved in more of his team's victories than anyone in the major leagues (.549), he was 5-8 with 34 saves (3.30 ERA). Jones (2-2, 2.42) from the Pittsburgh Pirates for Dave LaPoint helped. Other relievers are John Davis (2-5, 6.64), a victim of wildness that caused him to make two get-well trips to Vancouver; Jeff Bittiger (2-4, 4.23), left-hander Steve Rosenberg (0-1, 4.30), and Vancouver's Donn Pall.

The remarkable Fisk will handle the kid pitchers. He played in only 76 games be-

cause of a broken hand but hit 19 home runs to go with .277 and 50 RBIs. With 303 lifetime homers as a catcher, Fisk is closing in on Yogi Berra (306) and Johnny Bench (327). Ron Karkovice is the backup after another weak offensive year.

Shortstop Ozzie Guillen is the infield's bright light with a club record for assists (570), breaking Luis Aparicio's 1969 mark. He hit .261. Guillen's double-play partner is a major concern. Fred Manrique (.235) seems more valuable as an infield swing man. Donnie Hill (.217) lacks range. First baseman Greg Walker's future remains cloudy from a brain virus that caused seizures. He pledged to be in the opening-day lineup, but the team is cautious. Third base remains a problem. Carlos Martinez (14 homers at Double A Birmingham) handled it after Steve Lyons (.269, 5, 45) and Kenny Williams (.159, 8, 28).

The outfield could be good if it remains healthy. Baines (.277, 13, 81), the league's Designated Hitter of the Year, will try to play on grass fields for the first time in two years after knee surgeries. He failed to hit 20 homers for the first time in six years, but did eclipse 80 RBIs for the seventh straight time. The Sox want Kittle's bat (.258, 18, 43) in the lineup, so he'll play the field when Baines is DH. Calderon, who hit 28 homers in '87, is coming back from shoulder surgery. He lost weight during the winter. Center fielder Gallagher proved an adept leadoff man, but may yield to Lance Johnson (.307, 49 steals at Vancouver). Dan Pasqua (.227, 20, 50), Williams, and Daryl Boston (.217, 15, 31) will compete for the other spot.

SEATTLE MARINERS

The Seattle Mariners are going to try again. They're the only expansion team never to win at least a division, and it's getting a little embarrassing. Their hopes aren't too good. They finished last a year ago after rising to fourth in 1987. No one drove in as many as 70 runs. They were 12th in league scoring. Only one pitcher won more than nine games. Rookie of the Year candidate Mike Campbell won six games and went back to the minors. The staff was 12th in walks. Their shortstop, third baseman, and second baseman had 63 errors.

Inheriting the team is manager Jim Lefebvre, last year's hitting and third-base coach

for the league champion Oakland A's. Lefebvre is optimistic despite the fact 1988 cost Dick Williams and Jim Snyder their jobs as Seattle managers and Dick Balderson his position as GM. "We have a chance to do some exciting things," Lefebvre said. "It's going to take a little time, but I'm ready."

It doesn't appear likely the Mariners will reach .500. They did have a 24-20 record from August 7, the staff ERA the last 52 games was 3.15, and there are hints of hope on the horizon in right-hander Erik Hanson and outfielder Ken Griffey Jr., the nation's top draft choice in 1987. Further, strikeout ace Mark Langston is entering his prime, outfielder Mickey Brantley

is reaching his potential, designated hitter Steve Balboni from Kansas City and outfielder Jay Buhner from the New York Yankees hit long home runs, and Mike Schooler and Mike Jackson are providing solid relief.

But the Mariners suffered a blow when pitcher Mike Moore left for Oakland through free agency. It places even more pressure on



Langston, the only double-digit winner (15-11, 3.34 ERA) and holder of a club-record 34 scoreless innings to end the season, including a one-hitter. He struck out 235 last year and won a Gold Glove to boot. Much depends upon Scott Bankhead. He came back from late 1987 shoulder surgery to go 7-9, 3.09, only to have his season ended by a ribcage injury. The 6-foot-6 Hanson brings the same kind of starting hopes to the team as Campbell did the previous year. He was 2-3, 3.24 in

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six starts after 12-7 at Triple-A Calgary with almost a strikeout an inning. Campbell must recover from 6-10, 5.89 after being Minor League Pitcher of the Year in '87. Terry Taylor could join them despite a 5.64 ERA at Calgary. Steve Trout is a question. He hasn't been the same since the Chicago Cubs traded him midway into '87. He was an unimpressive 4-7, 7.83 in just 56 innings. New pitching coach Mike Paul will take a look at another former New Yorker, Reggie Dobie (8-5, 3.86 for Triple A Tidewater).

Schooler, Jackson, and free-agent Tom Niedenfuer head a bullpen with potential. A strikeout right-hander, Schooler was 5-8, 3.54 to go with his 15 saves, one short of Enrique Romo's 1977 club mark for a rookie. Jackson came from the Philadelphia Phillies with goals of 60 appearances, 100 innings, and 30 saves. He reached appearances, but only had four saves. His 2.63 ERA, however, was tops on the staff (6-5 record). Niedenfuer led Baltimore with 18 saves (3-4, 3.51) and joins Jeff Reardon, Lee Smith, and Rich Gossage as the only relievers with double-digit saves in each of the last six years. Billy Swift (8-12, 4.59) has a sinker that should offer a nice contrast to the power pitches of Schooler and Jackson. Julio Solano and draftee Colin McLaughlin are in the picture, plus Bill Wilkin-son (2-2, 3.48) and ex-Met Gene Walter (5.13 ERA) as left-handers.

Jeffrey Leonard, another free-agent discard (.235, 8 HR, 44 RBI at Milwaukee), joins Brant-



ley and Buhner in the outfield. Brantley should improve upon .263, 15 home runs, and 56 RBIs in his first full year as a Mariner. If Buhner can reduce his strikeouts (93 in 261 at-bats), he could hit 30 homers in the Kingdome. He had 13 with 38 RBIs but batted only .215. Henry Cotto gives the club speed (27-for-30 in steals). He was above .300 until June before tapering to .259. He'll be tested by Greg "Pee Wee" Briley (.313 at Calgary). A scramble for reserve is between Mike Kingery (.203) and Dave Hengel (.167).

Alvin Davis, becoming Seattle's all-time offensive leader, anchors first base again after .295, 18, and 69. Darnell Coles from the Detroit Tigers seems ready to dislodge Jim Presley from third base and fend off Pacific Coast League batting champion Edgar Martinez (.363 at Calgary). A late-season surprise with .292, 10, 34, Coles went to the Instructional League to polish his skills after a few years in various outfielders. Presley suffered through .230, 14, 62 with 22 errors. Lefebvre has to sell moody shortstop Rey Quinones (.248, 12, 52) on the joys of baseball. If not, he has Mario Diaz (.329 at Calgary, .306 with Seattle). Harold Reynolds is an all-star second baseman (.283, 4, 41), but he was caught stealing 29 times in 64 tries. Rich Renteria is in reserve.

The Mariners have contact-hitting catchers in Scott Bradley (.257, 4, 33) and Dave Valle (.231, 10, 50), who must avoid injuries. Balboni solves DH (.235, 23, 66). He's a fans' favorite in Seattle's small Kingdom.

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MILWAUKEE BREWERS

All the pieces appear to be in place for the Milwaukee Brewers to make a beginning-to-end run in the East. The pitching is good and figures to get better with maturity, Robin Yount and Paul Molitor still are in their prime, the younger players have been together a few years, and now Gary Sheffield is ready for the left side of the infield.

Underrated manager Tom Trebelhorn guided the 1988 Brewers to a third-place tie last year, just two games behind champion Boston. They might have gone the distance if they'd had pitcher Juan "No Hit" Nieves, first baseman Greg Brock, and outfielder Glenn Braggs. The trio missed chunks of the season with injuries. Trebelhorn feels all the '89 players need is consistency. They weren't quite as bouncy-bouncy as 1987, when they had wild streaks and skids, but they were erratic enough for Trebelhorn to ask questions. "You wonder about your club. Is it a contender that can match up on a daily basis? Or is it an overachiever?"

Better hitting could achieve a championship. The Brewers scored 180 fewer runs than they did in 1987 and dropped from second in league batting to 10th, causing them to let Jeffrey Leonard go to free agency. There were only 113 home runs, a far cry from Bamberger's Bombers.

That's where first baseman Joey Meyer comes in. Given a chance to play every day with Brock out, Meyer hit enough eye-opening homers (11) for the fans to get excited. Carrying as much tonnage as Minnesota's Kent Hrbek, Meyer finished with .265 and 45 runs batted in in 103 games. He strikes out a lot (five times in one game), but his power should help take the pressure off Rob Deer, who tied Texas's Pete Incaviglia last year with 153 strikeouts. In three years, however, Deer has averaged 28 homers and 84 RBIs. Put Braggs back in the lineup following nerve surgery on his right shoulder and the Brewers have a rosy glow. Only 26, Braggs should improve upon .261, 10 HRs, 40 RBIs, and 12 steals. The outfield is completed with the ever-present Yount (.306, 13, 91), who needed minor surgery to dilute a blood buildup in his thigh. The Brewers also have Mike Young, Jim Adduci, Darryl Hamilton Mike Felder, Lavell Freeman (.318 at Triple A Denver), and Greg Vaughn (.28 HR at Double A El Paso).

Where to put the infielders is a pleasant dilemma for Trebelhorn. Sheffield, who hit .237 after combining for .319, 28 homers, and 114 RBIs at Denver and El Paso, showed he can play shortstop as well as third base. His first major-league hits were a game-tying homer and a game-winning single. Dale Sveum (.242, 9, 51), converted from third base, was doing fine at shortstop until he went out with a fractured leg. It had to be reset twice and his 1989 future is cloudy. Molitor (.312, 13, 60 and 115 runs) can play third or second but probably will be designated hitter again because of all his injuries. Doctors say he'll never be 100 percent again. Second base is occupied by Jim Gantner (.276). He failed to hit a homer in 539 at-bats, but is a bunt master (18 sacrifices). Then there is Brock. A rib-cage problem dropped him from .299 and 85 RBIs in '87 to .212 and 50 in 115 games a year ago. If Molitor is the DH and Meyer handles first base, Brock may not have a position. Juan Castillo, recovered from a broken hand, will compete with ex-Angel Gus Polidor for utility.

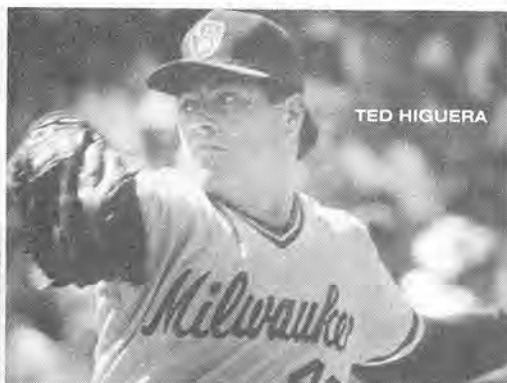
An emergency third baseman last season, B.J. Surhoff (.245, 5, 38) moves back behind the plate. The club feels he'll be the All-Star catcher of the 1990s. Charlie O'Brien (.220), who caused the trade of Bill Schroeder to the Angels, is the backup.

The Brewers have a great stopper in Teddy Higuera (16-9), whose 2.45 earned-run average was just a fraction behind league leader Allan Anderson of Minnesota. The left-handed Higuera is one of those hard-luck pitchers who's overdue for 20 victories. Trebelhorn hopes Nieves (7-5, 4.08) returns from a weary arm to close the gap behind Higuera as No. 2. If not, Nieves may be used in relief. The other starting candidates are 1984 U.S. Olympian Don August, who surprised with 13-7 and 3.09, and Bill Wegman, who went from a 7-1 start to five consecutive losses before settling for 13-13 and 4.12. The Brewers hope burly Chris Bosio (7-15, 3.36) shakes off a club-record 11 straight defeats after starting 6-3. If not, he could go to the bullpen. Another who figures to improve is Mike Birkbeck (10-8, 4.72). Mark Knudson gets a look off 11-8 at Denver and Tom Filer (5-8, 4.43) is available.

Milwaukee's unheralded bullpen finished second to Oakland's in the point system. Dan Plesac almost broke Ken Sanders's 1971 club record of 31 saves, with 30, to go with a 1-2 record and 2.41 ERA. Plesac averages a strikeout an inning. Chuck Crim (7-6, 2.91, 7 saves) is a workhorse, having led the league with 70 games. Odell Jones will try to fight back from an AAA contract off a 5-0 record but 4.35 ERA for the Brewers. Paul Mirabella (2-2, 1.65, 4) takes care of the left side. Opponents batted just .204 against him.



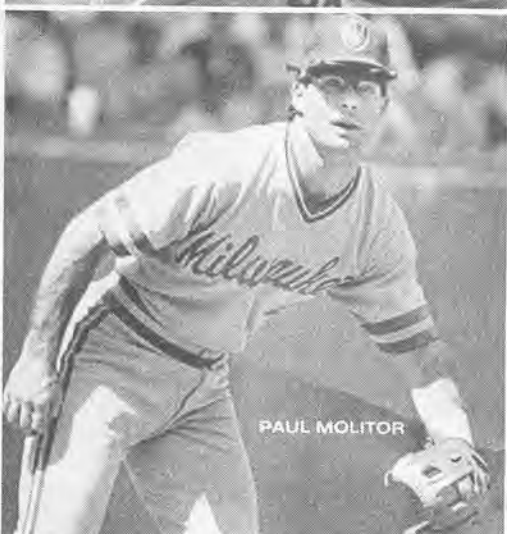
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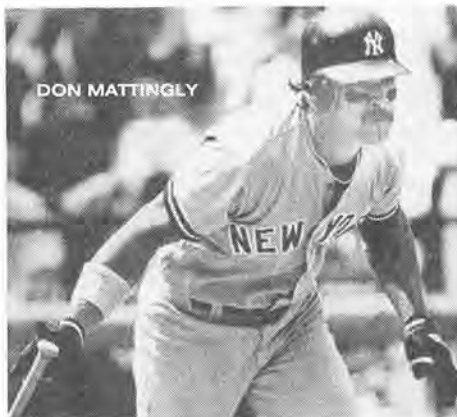
The New York Yankees believe they're loaded for bear this season with a few new players and a bear of a new manager in Dallas Green. But then, they've had these feelings before. They haven't won a division since 1981.

Green, who a few years ago said he'd never manage again, feels he and owner George Steinbrenner will be compatible. Green comes with a Mr. Fixit reputation, having descended the stairs in Philadelphia as a front-office honcho to whip a lethargic 1980 team to the world championship and brought the Cubs an '84 division title in only his third year as GM. "I want to start fresh here," Green said. "We have the talent to win and I expect everybody to pull together to do that."

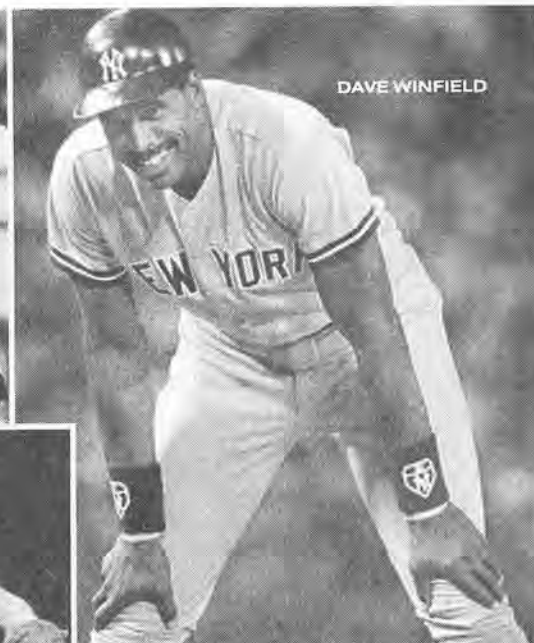
Steinbrenner and general manager Bob Quinn hope their many winter acquisitions, including second baseman Steve Sax of the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers and pitchers Dave LaPoint, Andy Hawkins, Jimmy Jones, and Lance McCullers, will be instant fixes for Green, the 16th manager in Steinbrenner's 15 years. The team finished fifth last season under Billy Martin and Lou Piniella when it couldn't recover from a 9-20 record in August. Before departing, Piniella felt he had a team of "grippers and moaners."

Green and new coach Billy Connors face a restoration project on the mound, thus all the new pitchers. The 4.24 earned-run average last year was 12th in the league. So was the defense. With Seattle the last two years after being demoted by Green with the Cubs, Connors is Steinbrenner's 29th pitching coach. He inherits a staff that looks like stragglers from Napoleon's army after Waterloo. Each of the top three pitchers—Candelaria (13-7, 3.38 ERA), Rick Rhoden (12-12, 4.20), and Richard Dotson (12-9, 5.00)—spent time on the disabled list. Candelaria's ERA was the lowest for a Yankee starter since Ron Guidry's 3.27 in 1985, but he missed the last six weeks with an injured knee. Rhoden was traded to the Houston Astros. LaPoint with the White Sox and Pirates and Hawkins and Jones with the San Diego Padres were only a combined 37-38 last year. LaPoint (14-13, 3.25) gives the club left-handed credibility, with or without Candelaria. Hawkins had his second-best season (14-11, 3.32) for the Padres. His ERA and 218 innings were better numbers than any Yankee starter. Jones, the nation's top draft choice in 1982, is only 24. Green is throwing out his 9-14, 4.12 in San Diego. "He has potential written all over him," Green said. "He pitched as well as anyone on the Yankees' staff last year." Jones also pitched 179 innings, second only to Rhoden's 197. Connors has a two-pronged project in the 23-year-old Al Leiter (4-4, 3.92): good health and renewed confidence from four separate injuries. Green will have to decide where Charlie Hudson (6-6, 4.49), Steve Shields (5-5, 4.37), and Dave Eiland fit. Eiland had a brilliant start in his debut, but faded back to the minors with a 6.39 ERA.

McCullers, 25, was the key in the trade that sent Jack Clark to San Diego. The burly right-hander lost his stopper role to Mark Davis. Still, he was 3-6, 2.49, and 10 saves. Green will team him with left-hander Dave Righetti (5-4, 3.52, 25) as the closers. Righetti seemingly has slipped as a dominant reliever. Ready for middle work are workhorse Dale Mohorcic (4-8, 4.22, 6) and Hipolito Pena (109 strikeouts in



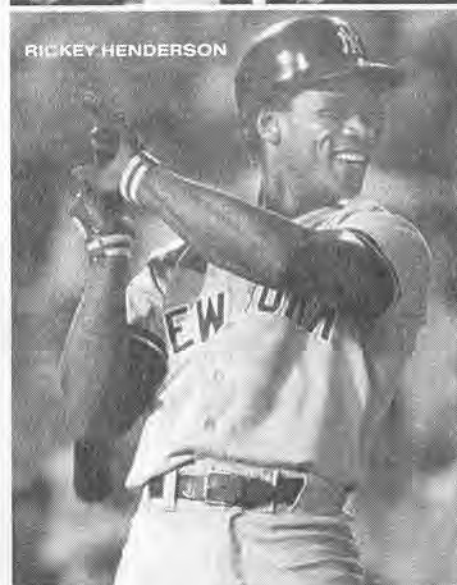
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105 Triple A Columbus innings). Hoping to squeeze in are Lee Guetterman (2.76, Columbus), Scott Nielsen (13-6, 2.40 at Columbus), and Don Schulze (10-13 at Toledo).

Sax will be in center ring at second base. Preferred by Green over team captain and 13-year vet Willie Randolph, Sax was given a three-year, \$4 million contract off a catalyst season of .277, 5 HRs, 57 RBIs, and 42 steals in Los Angeles. He gives the club an able leadoff hitter. Helping him make the transition is first baseman Don Mattingly, who can tell Sax all about the pressures of playing for Steinbrenner. Mattingly finally broke late in '88 by blasting the owner. A .331 hitter until last season, Mattingly remains a threat off .311,

18, 88. The left side of the infield is iffy with third baseman Mike Pagliarulo (.216, 15, 67 and a strikeout every four at-bats) and shortstop Rafael Santana (.240, 4, 38). Hensley Meulens, being groomed for third, may need AAA seasoning. Wayne Tolleason (.254) and Randy Velarde (.174) are infield relief.

Two-thirds of the outfield is solid with the never-aging Dave Winfield (.322, 24, 107) and Rickey Henderson (.305, 6, 50), whose 93 steals gave him the league lead for the eighth time in nine years and placed him fourth all-time with 794. A club fear is that Henderson may not respond to Green's impatience. Claudell Washington had a solid year (.308, 11, 64) in center, then opted for free agency with the Angels. Roberto Kelly will be given another chance at center field. A knee problem cost him last year (.247 in 38 games). Bob Brower (.224) was obtained from Texas for Bobby Meacham and John Fishel (.261, 18, 68 at Tucson) from Houston to lend outfield support with Gary Ward (.225, 4, 24).

Catchers are Don Slaught (.283, 9, 43), who lost time to a groin injury, Joel Skinner (.227, 4, 23), Jamie Quirk (.240 in Kansas City), and Bob Geren (.271, Columbus), while Ken Phelps handles designated hitting after .263, 24, 54 with Seattle and the Yankees.

DETROIT TIGERS

Bad luck. The Detroit Tigers want no part of it in 1989. They had enough last season when (1) Kirk Gibson was lost as a free agent to the Los Angeles Dodgers through a collusion "new-look" ruling, (2) double-play partners Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker appeared together only 28 times after the All-Star break due to injuries, and (3) Walt Terrell and Frank Tanana were so unlucky they had but one victory between them from mid-August.

Still, under the careful guidance of manager Sparky Anderson, the Tigers hung in the race to the end. They had a 4½-game lead late in August before finally finishing in second place, just one game behind the Boston Red Sox. The Tigers were so banged up by then that only one player, Chet Lemon, had more than 500 at bats—and he had just 512. They were so gassed out offensively that Trammell's 69 RBIs were the lowest for a team leader in 14 years. "There are racehorses and there are plow horses. We were plow horses," pitcher Doyle Alexander said proudly.

The World Series was only two weeks over when the Tigers traded Terrell to the San Diego Padres in an effort to solve a right-handed power problem. Keith Moreland will replace Darrell Evans at first base and the oft-injured Chris Brown will get the first crack at third. The Tigers hope Moreland will rebound from .256, 5 home runs, and 64 RBIs at San Diego to his 1985 season of .307, 14, and 106 with the Chicago Cubs. Brown has much to prove after .235, 2, and 19 in only 80 games.

Detroit's strength remains pitching, although three of its starters are over 33. Jack Morris was the winningest pitcher—again—with a 15-13 record, and Alexander, who was mulling free agency again, and Tanana were 14-11 each. They need to work on their ERAs, however. Morris barely got his under 4.00 in a season when the ball supposedly was deadened. Tanana's rose to 4.21 and Alexander's went from 1.53 to 4.32. Enter Jeff Robinson. His development to 13-6, 2.98 allowed the Tigers to deal Terrell. He's ready to start producing 200-plus innings, but has to overcome a circulatory problem in two fingers. Eric King, bitter at being sent to the minors out of spring training, figures to take Terrell's spot off 4-1, 3.41. And rookie left-hander Steve Searcy appears ready after leading the International League in strikeouts with 176 in 170 innings for Toledo, where he was 13-7, 2.59. He could also be used in relief.

The bullpen is solid from the closers—Mike Henneman (9-6, 1.87 and 22 saves) and the always unhappy Guillermo Hernandez (6-5, 3.06, 10)—to the setup men. They're the ones who kept the Tigers afloat when the hitters were bottoming out. Paul Gibson made a fine transition from starter in the minors to middle man with 4-2, 2.93. The Tigers could bring Ted Power back from the minors. Obtained late in the season from Kansas City, he'll have to improve upon 6-7, 5.91. Don Heinkel and Mark Huisman are in the background.

Trammell and Whitaker return for their 12th season as double-play partners. Anchors of a fine defense, they have made the offense go after back-to-back losses in 1987-88 of Lance Parrish and Gibson. Trammell was having an MVP season until a pulled groin muscle cut him short at .311, 15 homers, and 69 RBIs. Whitaker had his season split before the end with a sprained knee ligament from doing splits on the dance floor. At least his .275 average ended a decline of four straight years. He had 12 homers, 55 RBIs. There is veteran

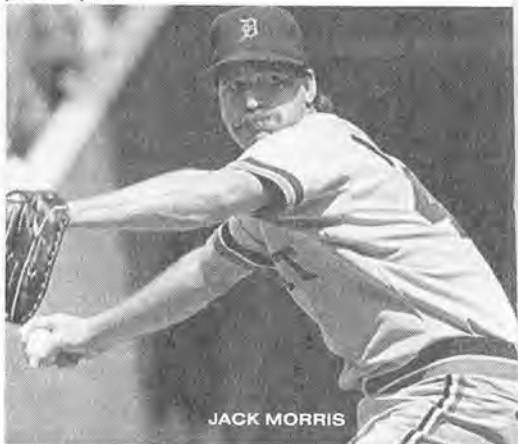
backup help throughout the infield. Dave Bergman was over .300 at first base until a late-season skid left him at .294, 5, 35. Tom Brookens (.243, 5, 38) will challenge Brown at third base. Jim Walewander has utility competition in Al Pedrique from Pittsburgh.

If Fred Lynn, Gary Pettis, and Chet Lemon stay healthy, the Tigers will have outfield versatility. Good luck. The injury-prone Lynn (.246, 25, 56), who came from Baltimore to try to help the pennant drive, has batted more than 500 times only once in the last nine years. Pettis, called a "defensive weapon" by Anderson and the stealer of 44 bases in 54 tries, hit a woeful .210 before yielding to injury. Lemon adjusted to right field with .264, 17, 64. Pat Sheridan could platoon off .254, 11, 47. The Tigers believe Billy Bean and Billy Beane are ready, but neither put up impressive numbers in '88 at Toledo.

Matt Nokes at catcher made defensive gains, but fell offensively to .251, 16, 53 after a rookie season of .289, 32, 87. Mike Heath is back (.247, 5, 18). Luis Salazar helped carry the team early at designated hitter, but tired to finish .270, 12, 62. He may have to share the job this year.



MATT NOKES

MIKE
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ANDERSON

JACK MORRIS



FRANK TANANA

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

Toronto finished two games out of first place last season. The numbers lied. The Blue Jays, who had squandered the Eastern Division in 1987 by losing their last seven games, never were in the '88 hunt. They had problems from spring training when '87 league MVP George Bell balked at being the DH. The Jays did win their final six games, but by then, it was too late. Changes seemed necessary. As pitcher Jimmy Key said, "I can't see us coming back and being better with the same team. We have too many bad attitudes around here."

General manager Pat Gillick, however, made no changes through the new year. Thus, manager Jimmy Williams may not be around if the Blue Jays don't get off to a good start. He did stand up to Bell last year, and to others who complained. But he needs all their help this season. A good start from the bombastic Bell would help. He tailed to .269, 24 HRs, and 97 RBIs last year after regaining left field when others failed to hit. As a fielder, he remained a liability with a club record for errors. The other outfielders bear watching, too. Lloyd Moseby and Jesse Barfield each suffered through his worst season. Moseby, with a .239 average, fell 25 points off his lifetime mark and Barfield, with .244, was down 27. Further, each dropped dramatically in run production: Moseby from 26 homers and 96 RBIs to 10/42 and Barfield from 28 and 84 in 28/56. Barfield was coming back from wrist and knee injuries, and now Moseby has a knee that needs monitoring. Williams will look

closely again at Canadian-born Rob Ducey (.256 at Triple A Syracuse) and Lou Thornton.

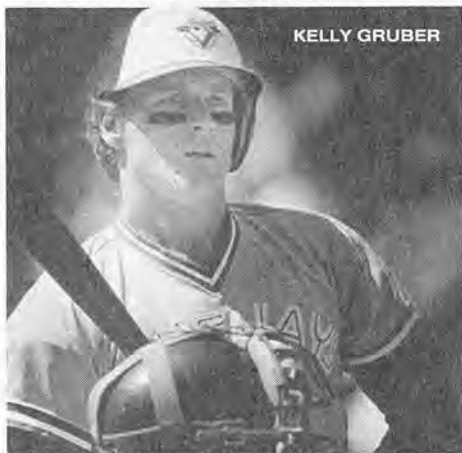
Fortunately, the Jays have a stabilizing influence as well as power hitter in Fred McGriff. At 25 a budding star, McGriff is being hyped as baseball's first baseman of the 1990s. He hit 34 homers, had 82 RBIs, and batted .282. The homers were a club record for a left-handed hitter. More impressive were 100 runs. In addition, he likes to play, doesn't complain. Also in the infield is one of the game's premier Gold Glove shortstops in Tony Fernandez. Slightly limited from '87 injuries to a knee and elbow (broken), Fernandez had a 65-game errorless streak to go with .287, 5, 70. Putting a lock on second base is Manny Lee (.291, 2, 38), who overcame an early shoulder problem to beat out Nelson Liriano (.264, 3, 23). Voted the club's most improved player, Kelly Gruber (.278, 16, 81, and 23 steals) is set at third. His RBIs were the most by a Jays' third baseman since Roy Howell's 72 in '79. The club will watch Syracuse product Alex Infante (.300), but lost Eric Yelding to the Chicago Cubs. Unless Bell finally is shunted to DH, the Jays are set with Rance Mulliniks (.300, 12, 48).

Never mind that Ernie Whitt is 36. His catching is solid, and so is his hitting. He had the team's best RBI percentage, with 70 RBIs in 398 at-bats. The club may go with two other catchers, Pat Borders (.273, 5, 21) and Greg Myers, recovered from shoulder surgery.

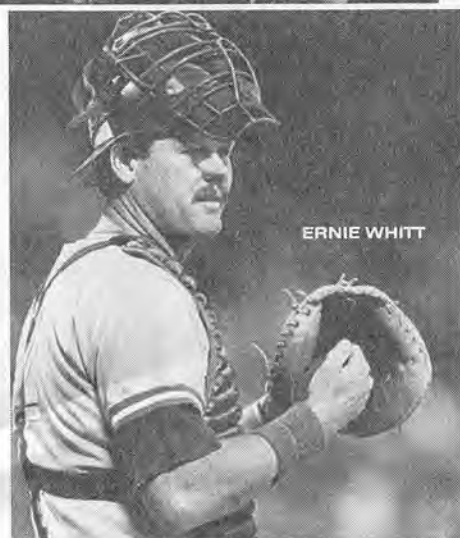
Pitching is a series of question marks. Will Dave Stieb be able to carry over 31 scoreless innings from 1988 after consecutive one-hitters? Will Key's surgically repaired elbow hold up? And Jeff Musselman's shoulder? Who will replace free-agent defector Jim Clancy? Is Mike Flanagan fading at age 37? Are John Cerutti and Todd Stottlemyre starters or relievers? Stieb and Key are the keys. Healthy, they form one of the league's better right-left combinations. Stieb proved he was back on track last season with a 16-8 record and 3.04 ERA. Both no-hit bids were spoiled with two outs in

the ninth inning. Key had to miss 13 starts from surgery, yet he was 12-5, 3.29. Musselman made a similar return for 8-5, 3.18. Flanagan was a double-digit winner last year (13-13, 4.18) after three years with no more than seven victories. Cerutti should be solid with a 3.13 ERA (6-7 record). Stottlemyre (4-8, 5.69) is in competition with Alex Sanchez (combined 16-8 at Syracuse and Double A Knoxville) and Jose Nunez (2.90 at Syracuse), who was unable to pitch in winter ball because of an elbow problem. Mark Ross and left-handers Cliff Young and Steve Davis are on the horizon.

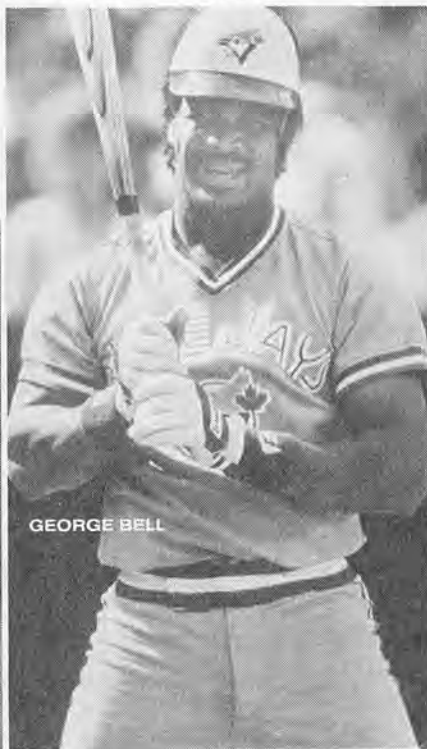
The bullpen again is anchored by Tom Henke (4-4, 2.91, 25 saves), who led the league in save-opportunity percentage with .862. He has a partner in Duane Ward (9-3, 3.30, 15). Lefty David Wells should improve after 3-5, 4.62, 4 and Mark Eichhorn (0-3, 4.18) is back after reconstructing his delivery.



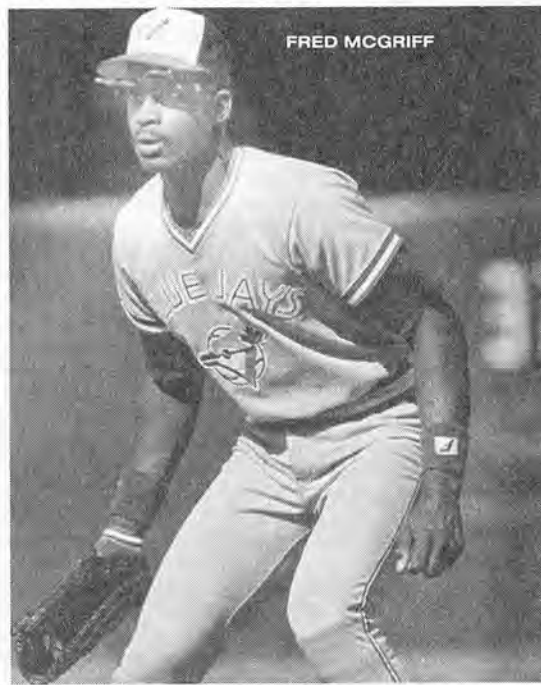
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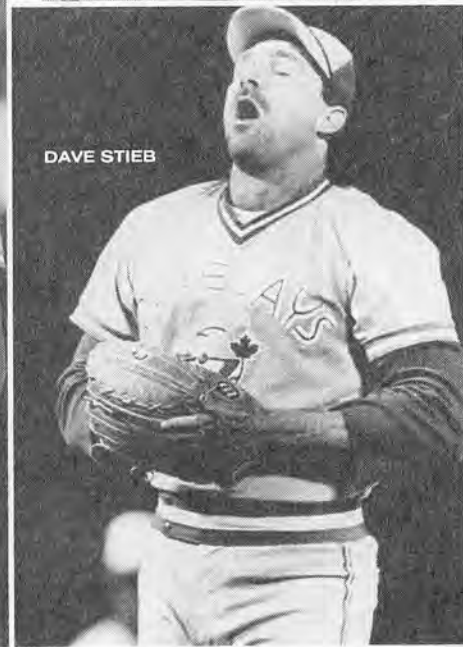
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CLEVELAND INDIANS

The Cleveland Indians are ready to fool the forecasters again. They fooled them in 1987 when, picked by some to finish as high as first, they came in last. That's because they didn't do a thing with their pitching.

Don't look now, but a first-division forecast for 1989 is possible, and pitching is the reason. Manager Doc Edwards has a stopper in Greg Swindell, a closer in Doug Jones, and a handful of improving pitchers in between. Although the Indians advanced only one place in the standings last season, the pitchers cut 1.12 off their ERA, reduced their walks from 606 to 442, and sliced their wild pitches from 74 to 36. These turnabouts helped the team to a 31-19 start before it collapsed with 18-42. Still, the Indians were 17 games better than the previous year, prompting Edwards to say, "I feel we're just a few players away from being very competitive."

They gained new players, all right. From Texas came first baseman Pete O'Brien, second baseman Jerry Browne, and center fielder Oddibe McDowell. From Pittsburgh came infielder Denny Gonzalez. And from the free-agent ranks came reliever Jesse Orosco and infielder Luis Aguayo.

To compete this year, the Indians must avoid their usual horrifying dips. That's where the pitchers can help. They suffered slips in '88, but Swindell, John Farrell, and Tom Candiotti have a goal this year of being the first Tribe trio to win at least 15 games each since Herb Score, Early Wynn, and Bob Lemon each won 20 in 1956. The current three were a combined 46-32 with over 200 innings apiece a year ago. Swindell (18-13, 3.20 ERA and only 45 walks) is a stabilizer not only on the mound but in the clubhouse. He instituted the Zeke Award for the week's best pitcher. He and Candiotti had droughts that exposed the staff's middle-relief weakness, but with the use of a sharp slider, Swindell recovered from an eight-game losing streak to record the most victories by an Indians' left-hander since Sam McDowell's 20 in 1970. Farrell and Candiotti also are control artists. Never a winner in the minor leagues, Farrell went 14-10 despite an elbow ailment that took his ERA to 4.24. Candiotti made a dramatic recovery from 7-

18, 4.78 in 1987 to 14-8, 3.28. Similar improvements by Rich Yett (9-6, 4.62) and Scott Bailes (9-14, 4.90) would give Cleveland one of the game's better rotations. Bailes, however, may be used in the bullpen. Bud Black (4-4, 5.00) is coming back from an injury and Rod Nichols (1-7, 5.06) has to prove his unusual back-to-the-batter delivery is effective. Mike Walker tries to make the jump from Double A (15-7). Joel Davis was 7-1 at Vancouver.

Doug Jones had a Cinderella 1988 season with a club-record 37 saves, including a major-league mark of saves in 14 straight opportunities. He saved more games in that streak than he did in 10 previous pro seasons. His changeup was so good the club had him help its pitchers in the Instructional League. Jones (3-4, 2.27) needs setup help from Jeff Dedmon (1-0, 4.54), Don Gordon (3-4, 4.40), and Brad Havens (2-3, 3.14).

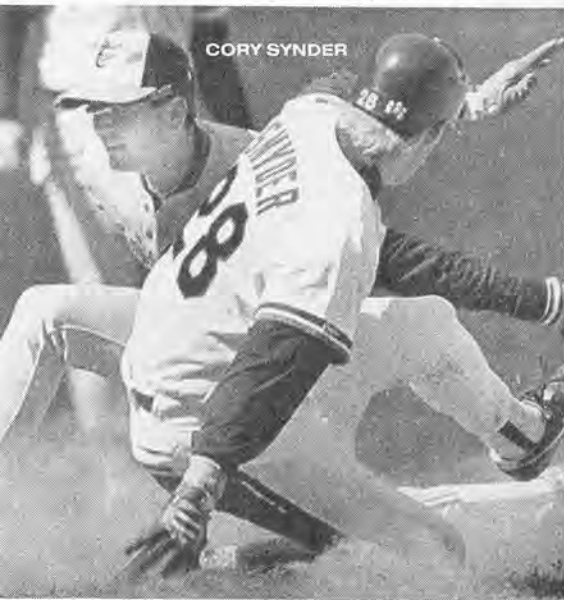
The club hopes McDowell, obtained with O'Brien and Browne in the Julio Franco trade, will fill the leadoff void created when Brett Butler departed two years ago. McDowell hadn't progressed in Texas, skidding last year to .247, 6 home runs, and 37 RBIs. Edwards figures O'Brien, a fine fielder and fairly consistent power hitter (.272, 16, 71), will force pitchers to make fatter pitches to Joe Carter, the first Indian to hit 100 homers and steal 100 bases in his career. Carter's move to center helped solidify the outfield. He fell off to .271 last year, but hit 27 homers, drove in 98 runs, and stole 27 bases.

Cory Snyder in right still has strikeout woes (101), but got his average up to .272 (26 HR,

75 RBI), is a late-game homer specialist, and has an outstanding arm. Mel Hall, one of the Tribe's few left-handed batters, hit .280 and had 71 RBIs, but only six homers—he went 224 straight at-bats without one. Dave Clark will challenge Hall off .297 at Colorado Springs. Other outfielders are Carmen Castillo (.273) and Reggie Williams, who had 36 steals at Colorado Springs.

With O'Brien at first base, the club will have to decide where Luis Medina fits after 28 homers at Colorado Springs and 6 homers and 18 RBIs in only 16 games in Cleveland. The middle infield is a serious problem. Browne lost his second-base starting job at Texas (.229) and the club is uncertain of short-stop Jay Bell, who improved afield but hit only .218. He went on a winter strengthening program. Paul Zuvella (.231) may start. Gonzalez (.296 at AAA Buffalo), Tommy Hinz, and Aguayo are backups. Brook Jacoby is a cause for concern at third base, where his average fell from .300 to .241 and his homers from 32 to 9 (49 RBI). Eddie Williams was traded after hitting .301 in Triple A.

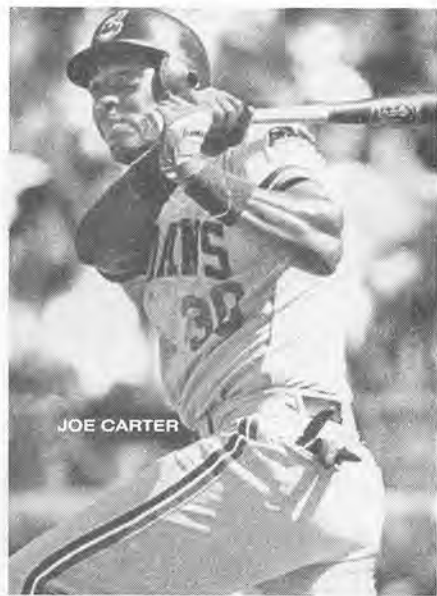
Andy Allanson caught 133 games, the most for an Indian since Dave Duncan's 134 in 1974. He almost made the All-Star team for .263, 5, 50. Tom Lampkin and Ron Tingley will compete for backup.



CORY SNYDER



PETE O'BRIEN



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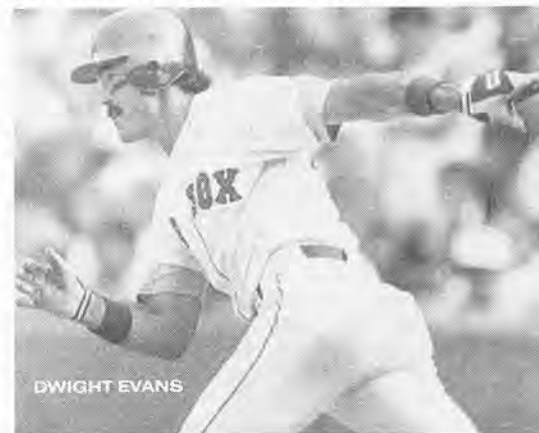
Except for the loss of Hurst and the additional years on Evans and Rice, who are 37 and 36, not much else has changed for this season. Like poltergeists, the Red Sox are back with their bats. There is no position that is considered terribly weak, which isn't encouraging to prospects like outfielder Carlos Quintana. The Red Sox want to win more games on the road (36-45) and feel they could use more power (their 124 home runs were 10th in the league), but what team couldn't? If anyone's on the spot, it's Richie Hebner, an ex-power hitter in the National League, as the new batting coach. He replaces Walt Hrinik, who joined the Chicago White Sox.

Forget offense for a moment. The pitching rotation had baseball's best right-left punch until Hurst left. He and Roger Clemens (18-12, 2.93 ERA) were feared. Clemens faded from Cy Young Award consideration with a strained back that affected his follow-through, but he still led the league in strikeouts (291), shutouts (8), and complete games (14). Dopson, considered expendable in Montreal with the emergence of Randy Johnson, must prove he's a winner. The club has Mike Boddicker for a full year. He turned a 6-12 record for the Baltimore Orioles into a final 13-15, 3.39 as one of general manager Lou Gorman's late-season acquisitions. An injury-free season is important from Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd. Last year, it was a small blood clot in a main artery of his throwing arm. He finished 9-7 but with an uncharacteristic ERA of 5.34. Wes Gardner stepped into the breach with 8-6, 3.50 in a dramatic return from a major arm injury that

of becoming the first reliever with 30-plus for five straight seasons. Bob Stanley came back from a severely cut pitching hand to set Smith up with 6-4, 3.19, and the much-traveled Dennis Lamp is back (7-6, 3.48). Other relief candidates are Tom Bolton (1-3, 4.75), who may be limited because of a kidney ailment, and John Trautwein.

Catching is in the able hands of veterans Rich Gedman (.231, 9 HR, 39 RBI), Rick Cerone (.269, 3, 27), and former Olympian John Marzano, who has little power.

The outfield is loaded with (from left to right) league MVP runner-up Mike Greenwell (.325, 22, 119), Burks (.294, 18, 92 and 25 steals), and Evans (.293, 21, 111). Just entering his peak years, Greenwell could be an all-star through the '90s. Evans is the only American

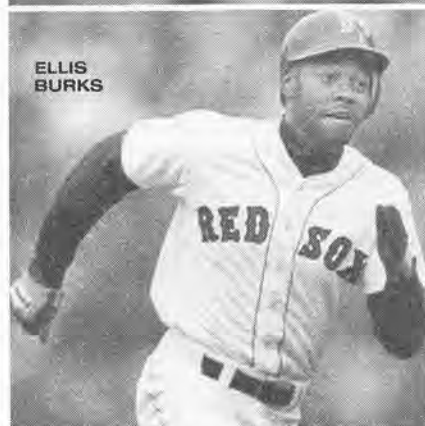


BOSTON RED SOX

Last season's calling cards in Boston read, "Have bats, will travel." And the Red Sox did travel. Replacing beleaguered manager John McNamara in midseason, manager Joe Morgan boosted the Red Sox from fifth place to first in the Eastern Division. Boston led the major leagues in hitting (.283), runs (813), doubles (310), walks (623), on-base percentage (.357); the Sox also had the fewest strikeouts (728). All this despite the distractions of a palimony suit against league batting champion Wade Boggs that led to a scuffle between Boggs and Dwight Evans, plus a pushing match between Morgan and Jim Rice.

The club had to act quickly in the offseason when 18-game winner Bruce Hurst defected to San Diego as a free agent. It gained John Dopson from Montreal, where he had a 3.04 ERA despite a 3-10 record, and reliever Rob Murphy from Cincinnati. It also landed first baseman Nick Esasky, but attention will be on left-handers Dopson and Murphy to fill the void left by Hurst.

Morgan, considered a minor-league lifer until his appointment to the coaching staff and subsequent promotion to manager, was labeled the Wizard of Walpole (Mass.) for turning the team around. He refuted it. "It got out of hand. The manager was given too much credit. The players did the winning." Maybe so, but Morgan put the right pegs in the right holes in mid-July by (1) inserting rookie Jody Reed at shortstop, (2) confining closer Lee Smith to no more than an inning an appearance unless necessary, (3) giving more playing time to Todd Benzinger and (4) resting Evans, Marty Barrett, and Ellis Burks at opportune times. Benzinger went to Cincinnati in the trade for Murphy and Esasky.



ruined his 1986 season and limited him in '87. Steve Ellsworth (1-6, 6.75) gains consideration after a no-hitter at Triple A Pawtucket, as does Steve Curry (11-9, 3.08 at Pawtucket).

Smith was the reason the Red Sox climbed from only 15 saves the previous year to 37, and now the bullpen has workhorse Murphy from the Reds (0-7, 3.08 ERA in 76 games). Smith's 29 saves (4-5, 2.80) left him one short

Leaguer with eight straight 20-homer seasons. A question is what to do with Quintana (.285 at Pawtucket). Kevin Romine (.192) is in outfield reserve.

The infield is made solid again by third baseman Boggs, who's aiming for his fifth straight batting title. He batted .366 while extending his consecutive-season streak of 200+ hits to six, a major-league record. However, his homers tailed from 24 to 5 and his RBIs from 89 to 58. Reed, who made only 11 errors in 109 games, teams with second baseman Barrett (.283, 1, 65) up the middle. Barrett led the league with 20 sacrifices and is tops in leadership. Esasky takes over first base from Benzinger with eyes on the short Green Monster in left field. He was .243 with the Reds with 15 homers and 62 RBIs. Ed Romero (.240) returns from an injury that limited him to 32 games. Rice (.264, 15, 72) takes care of the designated hitting.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES

The 1989 Optimist of the Year Award goes to Frank Robinson for a 1988 statement. Rehired as manager of the Baltimore Orioles, Robinson called the future "very bright. A lot of people may not think so, but I do. You can see on the horizon that this club is going to be competitive in a very short time." Robinson based the comment on "watching the club start to come together just before the All-Star break."

The Orioles wouldn't have had a 1988 all-star if the rules didn't require every team to be represented. After setting a major-league record of 21 straight losses to start the season en route to 54-107, the worst in the majors, they were last in hitting and pitching. Even perennial all-star Cal Ripken Jr. was affected. Opposing pitchers walked him so often (102 times) that he had few chances to do what he does best: hit.

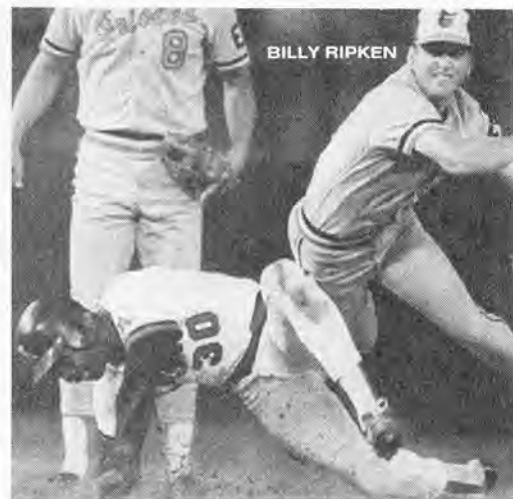
Not everyone in Baltimore can see Robinson's horizon, but they will if kid pitchers Jeff Ballard, Bob Milacki, Jose Bautista, Pete Harnisch, Oswald Peraza, Jose Mesa, Gregg Olson, Curt Schilling, and Mike Smith develop. They could all be pitching in Baltimore by season's end. "That's where it starts—pitching and defense," Robinson said. "We're starting in the right place." Also on Robinson's horizon are outfielder Brady Anderson, obtained from Boston in the Mike Boddicker trade, and prospects from Triple A Rochester's championship International League team. Third baseman Craig Worthington was the I.L.'s Player of the Year after 16 home runs and 73 RBIs de-



spite a .244 average, and outfielder Steve Finley was the batting champion.

For now, it's the kid pitchers. Ballard, Milacki, Harnisch, and Bautista are expected to be in the rotation with veteran Dave Schmidt (8-5, 3.40 ERA), who had instant success as a starter after 32 straight relief appearances. Ballard (8-12, 4.40) was the Orioles' only left-hander last year until Milacki showed up to

stand the league on its ear. In three starts for Baltimore after a combined 18-11 record at three minor-league stops, Milacki was 2-0, 0.72. Major-league batters hit .110 against him. Harnisch is valued for traveling a similar minor-league road, including a 2.16 ERA at Rochester. Bautista figures to improve upon 6-15, 4.30. A strained back muscle limited Peraza to 5-7, 5.55. The young pitchers cloud the futures of Jay Tibbs (4-15, 5.39) and Mike Morgan (1-6, 5.43), who's rehabilitating an Achilles' heel injury. Eric Bell, the club's winningest pitcher in 1987, may miss the season with elbow surgery.



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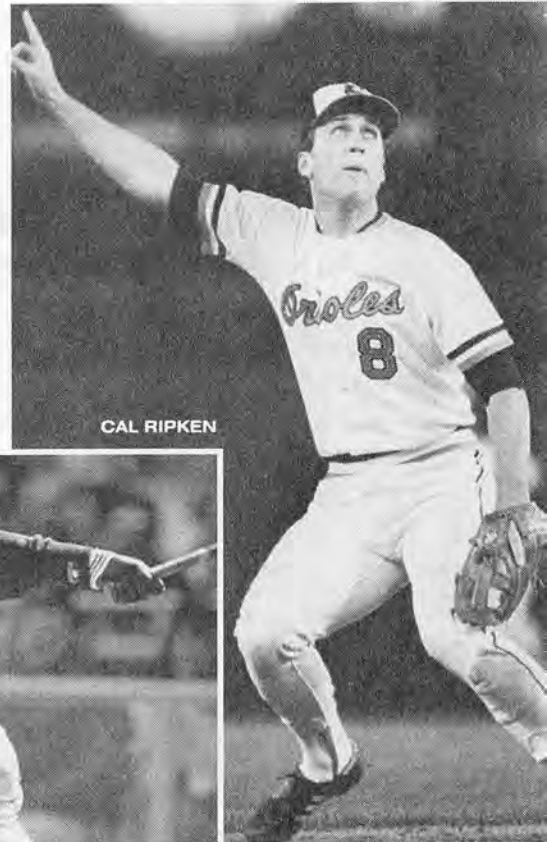
The bullpen situation seemed desperate when Tom Niedenfuer took his team-high 18 saves to Seattle as a free agent. The Orioles think Brian Holton (7-3, 1.70), obtained from the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Eddie Murray trade, will fill Niedenfuer's shoes. Mark Thurmond is the left-hander (1-8, 4.58) to go with Mark Williamson (5-8, 4.91, 2) in setup work.

The task of handling the young pitchers falls upon Mickey Tettleton (.261, 11, 37) and the newly acquired Bob Melvin (.234, 8, 27), obtained from the San Francisco Giants for incumbent catcher Terry Kennedy, whose offense had declined. Carl Nichols (.191) could play the outfield. Untracking Larry Sheets is important. The left-handed DH (.230) fell from 31 homers and 94 RBIs in 1987 to 10/47.

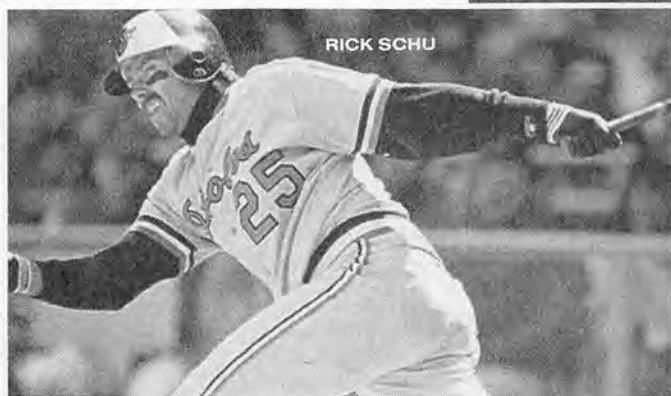
The development of shortstop Juan Bell from the Dodgers (.300 at Triple A Albuquerque) may finally allow the club to switch Ripken to third base, but Bell may have a maturity problem. Ripken (.264, 23, 81), rewarded in midseason with a three-year contract, is a steady anchor in an unstable infield. Halfway to Lou Gehrig's consecutive-game record of 2,130, Ripken joined Ernie Banks as the only shortstops to have seven 20-homer seasons in a row. Ripken is the lone holdover from the 1983 World Series title team. Murray, who had hit 20 or more homers in 11 of 12 seasons, will be replaced at first base by Randy Milligan, a disappointment in the National League with the Pirates and the New York Mets, and Jim Traber (.222, 10, 45). Billy Ripken formed one of the game's better double-play combina-

tions with brother Cal, but his offense is weak (.207, 2, 34). He could be challenged by the oft-injured Pete Stanicek (.224), who also can play the outfield. Worthington and Rick Schu (.256, 4, 20) will challenge at third if Cal Ripken isn't moved there. Rene Gonzalez (.215) is a valued swingman.

Phil Bradley returns to the league after a lost season in Philadelphia (.264, 11, 56). He was a .301 hitter for Seattle in five years and fills a right-handed-hitting void in the lineup. Anderson, .212 after his trade from Boston, and Finley (.314 at Rochester) could use minor-league experience, but seem to be needed now. The Orioles' leading hitter, Joe Orsulak (.288, 8, 27), will be given an everyday opportunity. Ken Gerhart (.195) and Keith Hughes are in reserve.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Los Angeles Dodgers vs. New York Mets

● After successive 73-89 records in 1986-87, the Los Angeles Dodgers made some drastic roster moves last winter. They added shortstop Alfredo Griffin, who solidified the infield, relievers Jay Howell and Jesse Orosco (the Dodgers led the National League in saves), and outfielder Kirk Gibson, who provided muscle for the offense and leadership on and off the field. The team rebounded to a 94-67 mark, including a league-best 49-31 road record, and won its seventh Western title.

The New York Mets, with the best home record (56-24) in the majors, recaptured the Eastern title they had won in 1986. First in the league in pitching and scoring, they took over first place for good on May 3 and won their fourth division crown. For the second time in two seasons, New York won 100 games, including 10 of 11 against L.A.

The Dodgers won the series. They split the first two games at home, took two of three in New York, and then shut out the Mets in the finale for their 18th pennant and their ninth since moving to California. Orel Hershisier, who finished the regular season

with a record 59 consecutive scoreless innings, was the Most Valuable Player. He won Game 7, started Games 1 and 3, saved Game 4, threw a playoff-high 24 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, and compiled a 1.09 earned-run average.

GAME 1 New York 3, Los Angeles 2
The fall season opened in Los Angeles and two leading men took center stage. New York's Dwight Gooden (18-9, 3.19), unbeaten in four career decisions (0.34 ERA) in Dodger Stadium, faced Orel Hershisier (23-8, 2.26), who had shattered Don Drysdale's 20-year-old shutout string.

Los Angeles, outhit (.278 to .212) and out scored (49-18) in its games with New York in 1988, managed a run in its first at-bat.

Steve Sax led off with a single and promptly stole second base. He went to third on Kirk Gibson's one-out grounder and scored on Mike Marshall's single. The Dodgers made it 2-0 after Mike Scioscia doubled to open the seventh, took third on a groundout, and scored on a single by Alfredo Griffin.

The Mets, silenced on four hits over eight innings, came alive in the ninth. They were accustomed to late rallies, having come from behind in 45 of their 100 victories, 19 of which occurred in their final at-bat. They were the last team to have beaten Hershisier (2-1 on August 24), whose scoreless string had now reached 67 innings. Rookie Gregg Jefferies, whose promotion in August had sparked New York to 19 wins in its last 22 games, opened the ninth with his third hit of the night. He moved to second on a hit-and-run groundout by Keith Hernandez, then scored when Darryl Strawberry doubled to right-center field. It was the first run permitted by Hershisier since August 30. He was relieved by Jay Howell, who had not been scored on since August 11. Howell walked Kevin McReynolds and struck out Howard Johnson. Gary Carter then fought off an 0-2 curve and blooped a hit to shallow center field. John Shelby raced in, dove and got his glove on the ball before losing it on impact. Strawberry scored and McReynolds bowled over Scioscia, blocking the plate, for the go-ahead run.

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Los Angeles	100	000	100	—2	4	0

Gooden, Myers (8), and Carter; Hershisier, Howell (9), and Scioscia. W-Myers, L-Howell.

Kevin McReynolds bowled over Mike Scioscia to score the winning run for New York in Game 1.



CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

GAME 2 Los Angeles 6, New York 3
David Cone (20-3, 2.22) had the top winning percentage in baseball in 1988, but he endured his worst performance of the year in the second game of the playoffs. He lasted only two innings after surrendering five hits and five runs. His opponent, rookie Tim Lincecum (12-6, 2.91), struck out a career-high 10 batters in 8½ innings and Los Angeles won, 6-3, to even the series.

Cone's early departure was satisfying to the Dodgers, about whom he had made disparaging remarks after Game 1. But Cone minimized the effects his comments had. "I simply didn't make the pitches I had to make... What really hurt me was hitting [Jeff] Hamilton with two strikes in the second inning. That led to everything."

For the second straight night, the Dodgers got a run in their first at-bat. Mickey Hatcher drew a one-out walk, was balked to second, and scored on a single by Mike Marshall. In the second, Cone hit the aforementioned

The Mets then rallied for five runs against Alejandro Pena on a walk (McReynolds), a fielder's choice and stolen base (Howard Johnson), a double (Backman), a walk (Len Dykstra); against Jesse Orosco on a single (Wilson), a hit batter (Jefferies), and a walk (Hernandez); and against Ricky Horton on a single (Strawberry).

The Mets struck quickly in the fourth on a walk to Gregg Jefferies and a home run by Keith Hernandez. The Dodgers got one run back in the fifth on a pair of singles (Marshall and Mike Scioscia), a walk (Hamilton), and a fielder's choice (Griffin).

The Mets were then quiet until the ninth. Len Dykstra doubled to lead off. Belcher was replaced by Jesse Orosco after a one-out single by Hernandez. Darryl Strawberry singled to left, so Alejandro Pena was called on to face the right-handed-hitting Kevin McReynolds, who fouled out. Howard Johnson walked, but Gary Carter, who delivered the winning run 24 hours earlier, left the bases loaded when he flied out to right.

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Los Angeles..... 140 010 00x—6 7 0
Cone, Aguilera (3), Leach (6), McDowell (8), and Carter; Belcher, Orosco (9), Pena (9), and Scioscia. W-Belcher, S-Pena, L-Cone. HR-Hernandez

GAME 3 New York 8, Los Angeles 4
The series shifted to New York, where a cold, steady rain made Shea Stadium unsuitable for baseball. The game was delayed but one day, restaged the following afternoon under adverse conditions.



Jay Howell (right) was ejected from Game 2 when pine tar was discovered on his glove; Steve Sax (above) scored a playoff-record seven runs; Orel Hershiser was named the MVP.

The postponement gave L.A. manager Tom Lasorda the opportunity to revise his pitching plans and start his ace, Orel Hershiser, on three days' rest. New York manager Dave Johnson stayed with Ron Darling (17-9, 3.25), who had won 14 of 15 decisions at home.

For the third time in as many games, the Dodgers grabbed an early lead. In the second, they bunched two walks (Mike Marshall and John Shelby), a bunt single (Mike Scioscia) with an error by Keith Hernandez, and a groundout for two runs. They made it 3-0 an inning later on a single and a stolen base by Steve Sax and two groundouts.

The Mets countered with a run in their half of the third. Hershiser struck out Darling and Mookie Wilson, with the latter reaching first on a wild pitch. Gregg Jefferies singled and Darryl Strawberry doubled. The Mets tied the game on two unearned runs in the sixth. Hernandez and Strawberry singled, and when left fielder Kirk Gibson bobbled Strawberry's hit, Hernandez took off for third. But he stumbled and tried to crawl to the base before he was tagged out. McReynolds was safe on a throwing error by Hamilton, How-

continued



Hamilton with one down, then struck out Alfredo Griffin. Belcher kept the inning alive with a hit. Steve Sax singled across a run; moments later he slid home with the fourth run on Hatcher's double. Kirk Gibson was given an intentional walk and Marshall followed with another run-scoring single.

The Mets answered immediately in their half of the inning. With a full count to leadoff batter McReynolds, Dave Johnson had the umpires inspect reliever Jay Howell. When pine tar was discovered on the heel of his glove, Howell was ejected.

"I used it today because of the cold weather," said Howell afterward. "It gives you a better grip... It doesn't change the flight of the ball."



ard Johnson hit into a fielder's choice, and Gary Carter and Wally Backman produced run-scoring singles.

The Dodgers regained the lead against Roger McDowell, who struck out Marshall and Shelby to open the eighth. But he slipped while fielding a tapper by Scioscia and threw wildly past first. When Hamilton followed with a single and pinch hitter Mike Davis with a walk to load the bases, lefty Randy Myers was called in to face the left-handed Danny Heep (batting for Hershiser). Lasorda scrapped Heep for Mike Sharperson, who drew a walk to force in a run.

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New York001 002 05x—8 9 2
Hershiser, Howell (8), Pena (8), Orosco (8), Horton (8), and Scioscia, Dempsey; Darling, McDowell (7), Myers (8), Cone (9), and Carter. W-Myers, L-Pena

GAME 4 Los Angeles 5, New York 4
Dampened in body and spirit by the previous day's rain and by their sudden loss in Game 3, the Dodgers received more discouraging news when they learned Jay Howell had been suspended for three days by league president A. Bartlett Giamatti.

The Mets, for their part, had a positive outlook. They had faced Orel Hershiser twice and emerged victorious both times. And with their own ace, Dwight Gooden, pitching, they were looking to further their advantage at home. Alas, one inning from his first postseason win, Gooden faltered. He walked John Shelby to open the ninth before Mike Scioscia hit an 0-2 pitch over the right-field fence to tie the game. Kirk Gibson un-



David Cone won Game 6 for New York to send the championship series to a seventh and decisive game.

ted it with a solo homer off Roger McDowell in the 12th inning for a 5-4 triumph that evened the series.

The Dodgers scored in their first at-bat on a single and stolen base by Steve Sax, a walk to Mickey Hatcher, a groundout that advanced both, and a single by Shelby.

The lead held up until the fourth inning, when the Mets scored three times against John Tudor (10-8, 2.32), a former nemesis with the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League East. Obtained for Pedro Guerrero

when L.A. left-hander Fernando Valenzuela was disabled in August, Tudor missed a scheduled start in Game 2 with hip spasms and another in Game 3 due to the rain. He yielded a single to Keith Hernandez and back-to-back homers to Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds. When McReynolds doubled to lead off the sixth and Gary Carter followed with a triple, Tudor was replaced. Brian Holton, Ricky Horton, and Alejandro Pena threw six shutout innings, and Orel Hershiser retired McReynolds with the bases loaded in the 12th to preserve the Dodger victory.

Los Angeles.....200 000 002 001—5 7 1
New York000 301 000 000—4 10 2
Tudor, Holton (6), Horton (7), Pena (9), Leary (12), Orosco (12), Hershiser (12), and Scioscia, Dempsey; Gooden, Myers (9), McDowell (11), and Carter, Sasser. W-Pena, S-Hershiser, L-McDowell. HR-Strawberry, McReynolds, Scioscia, Gibson

GAME 5 Los Angeles 7, New York 4
The Dodgers, who had beaten the Mets just once during the season, picked up their second victory of the day to move within one game of the pennant. The game started barely 12 hours after Kirk Gibson's 12th-inning home run had evened the series. And Gibson delivered again, a three-run homer that put his team ahead 6-0.

New York's starter, Sid Fernandez (12-10, 3.03), had some impressive statistics. Opponents managed only 6.11 hits per nine innings against him and a batting average of .191, both league lows. He held the Dodgers scoreless until the fourth, when Mike Marshall singled, John Shelby walked, and Rick Dempsey—starting his first game—and Alfredo Griffin doubled. Gibson's blast into the second deck, following singles by Steve Sax and Mickey Hatcher, chased Fernandez in the fifth.

The Mets cut the deficit in half against Tim Belcher in the bottom of the fifth on a single by Howard Johnson, a bunt hit by Wally Backman, and a home run by Len Dykstra. They threatened a big rally in the eighth. Dykstra led off with a double into the right-field corner and scored on a single by Gregg Jefferies, after which Belcher was replaced by Ricky Horton. Keith Hernandez struck out but Darryl Strawberry singled. That brought in Brian Holton from the Dodger bullpen—where Orel Hershiser, with two starts and a save, was warming up! McReynolds tapped a slow grounder to short, but the ball struck Jefferies on the foot as he tried to jump over it. Dempsey called it "the biggest break in the whole series," for the hit would have loaded the bases. Gary Carter then flied out to end the inning.

The Dodgers added a run in the ninth inning, but at a high cost. With two down, Gibson legged out an infield hit, then injured his hamstring when he stole second base. Jose Gonzalez ran for him and scored when Marshall tripped off the wall in right center.

Los Angeles.....000 330 001—7 12 0
New York000 030 010—4 9 1
Belcher, Horton (8), Holton (8), and Dempsey; Fernandez, Leach (5), Aguilera (6), McDowell (8), and Carter. W-Belcher, S-Holton, L-Fernandez. HR-Gibson, Dykstra

GAME 6 New York 5, Los Angeles 1
David Cone, the Mets' best pitcher in 1988, and Kevin McReynolds, perhaps their most valuable player, ensured that the championship series would go to a seventh game. Cone limited the Dodgers to five hits and McReynolds drove in three runs with a record-tying four hits.

For the first time in the series, the Mets took the lead from the start. Len Dykstra reached base on first baseman Mickey Hatcher's error, went to third on a hit-and-run single by Wally Backman, and scored on a sacrifice fly by McReynolds.

Cone, who lasted just two innings in Game 2, was in immediate trouble after walking his first two batters. But Kirk Gibson, with a home run in each of the Dodgers' two previous victories, popped up a sacrifice bunt attempt to Cone, who then retired Mike Marshall and John Shelby to escape the inning. Cone felt the bunt "probably turned the game around," but Gibson defended the strategy. "It was a good play in my judgment if I had executed it properly," he said. "I just blew the play."

The Mets made it 2-0 in the third on consecutive singles by Darryl Strawberry and McReynolds and a double by Kevin Elster. They chased L.A. starter Tim Leary in the fifth when McReynolds followed a walk to Strawberry with a home run, and added a final run an inning later on a double (Dykstra) and a single (Keith Hernandez).

The Dodgers scored their lone run in the fifth when Brian Holton collected his first hit of the season and the second of his career, Steve Sax walked, and Hatcher singled.

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Los Angeles.....000 010 000—1 5 2
Cone and Carter; Leary, Holton (5), Horton (6), Orosco (8), and Scioscia. W-Cone, L-Leary. HR-McReynolds

GAME 7 Los Angeles 6 New York 0
They had won the two earlier games in the series that Orel Hershiser had started, but perhaps it was unrealistic even for a team as



Gregg Jefferies (above) had nine hits for the Mets in the series—and one error; Kirk Gibson's home runs won Game 4 and helped clinch Game 5 for the Dodgers.

confident as the New York Mets to believe they could overcome baseball's best pitcher three times. New York captured Game 1 when Gary Carter's bloop hit fell in front of John Shelby in short center field and Game 3 under perverse conditions. In the finale, though, Hershiser, who set a championship series record with 24½ innings, shut out the Mets on five hits and the Dodgers won their first pennant since 1981.

Hershiser labored in the first inning before retiring Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds, stranding two runners in what would be the Mets' only threat in the game.

Los Angeles scored in the bottom of the first against Ron Darling. Steve Sax singled and raced to third on a hit-and-run double inside the left-field line by Mickey Hatcher. Kirk Gibson hit a sacrifice fly.

The Dodgers put the game out of reach in the second inning with the aid of uncharacteristically sloppy fielding by the Mets, the National League's top defensive team. Mike Scioscia grounded a single to right field and Jeff Hamilton another to left. Alfredo Griffin bunted the ball in the air between the mound and first base, but when Keith Hernandez hesitated, Griffin was safe and the bases were loaded. Hershiser hit a bouncer to third that Gregg Jefferies misplayed, taking his eye off the ball as he looked toward home, fumbling, and then throwing late to first. Sax lined a single up the middle to chase two runs home and Darling from the game. Dwight Gooden, making his first relief appearance, retired Hatcher on a groundout that advanced the runners and then walked Gibson intentionally. Mike Marshall followed with what might have been an inning-ending double-play grounder. But Wally Backman's high toss to second (with Gibson bearing down) pulled shortstop Kevin Elster off the bag as Hershiser scored. Shelby hit a sac fly to score Sax with his record seventh run of the series.

Hershiser, who had thrown 29 pitches in the first inning, found his rhythm, throwing just 29 over his next three innings. He permitted one hit after the fourth, a double by Jefferies (his sixth hit against Hershiser).

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Los Angeles.....150 000 000—6 10 0
Darling, Gooden (2), Leach (5), Aguilera (7),
and Carter, Sasser; Hershiser and Scioscia.
W-Hershiser, L-Darling

LOS ANGELES DODGERS BATTING AND FIELDING

	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	so	bb	avg	po	a	e	pct
Holton	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000
Dempsey	4	5	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	.400	7	0	0	1.000
Scioscia	7	22	3	8	1	0	1	2	2	1	.364	37	4	0	1.000
Sax	7	30	7	8	0	0	0	3	3	3	.267	13	21	0	1.000
Stubbs	4	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	.250	15	2	0	1.000
Woodson	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.250	3	0	0	1.000
Hatcher	6	21	4	5	2	0	0	3	0	3	.238	34	1	2	.946
Marshall	7	30	3	7	1	1	0	5	9	2	.233	14	0	0	1.000
Hamilton	7	23	2	5	0	0	0	1	4	3	.217	9	10	2	.905
Shelby	7	24	3	4	0	0	0	3	12	5	.167	19	0	0	1.000
Griffin	7	25	1	4	1	0	0	3	5	0	.160	17	13	0	1.000
Gibson	7	26	2	4	0	0	2	6	6	3	.154	17	1	0	1.000
Belcher	2	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	.125	1	0	0	1.000
Hershiser	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	.000	3	3	0	1.000
Tudor	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	1	2	0	1.000
Davis	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	—
Sharperson	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Heep	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.000	0	0	0	—
Leary	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Gonzalez	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	3	0	0	1.000
Horton	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	1.000
Howell	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Orosco	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	0	0	1.000
Pena	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Totals	7	243	31	52	7	1	3	30	54	25	.214	195	60	4	.985

NEW YORK METS BATTING AND FIELDING

	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	so	bb	avg	po	a	e	pct
Mazzilli	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0	—
Dykstra	7	14	6	6	3	0	1	3	0	4	.429	9	0	0	1.000
Jefferies	7	27	2	9	2	0	0	1	0	4	.333	5	8	1	.929
Strawberry	7	30	5	9	2	0	1	6	5	2	.300	11	0	0	1.000
Backman	7	22	2	6	1	0	0	2	5	2	.273	7	19	2	.929
Hernandez	7	26	2	7	0	0	1	5	7	6	.269	57	4	1	.984
McReynolds	7	28	4	7	2	0	2	4	5	3	.250	19	0	0	1.000
Elster	5	8	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	.250	7	7	2	.875
Carter	7	27	0	6	1	1	0	4	3	1	.222	58	1	0	1.000
Sasser	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.200	2	0	0	1.000
Gooden	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	.200	1	3	0	1.000
Wilson	4	13	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	.154	6	0	0	1.000
Johnson	6	18	3	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	.056	6	9	1	.938
Cone	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Darling	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	1	3	0	1.000
Magadan	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0	—
Teufel	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	3	0	1.000
Aguilera	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Fernandez	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—
Leach	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	0	0	1.000
McDowell	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	3	1	.750
Myers	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	1.000
Totals	6	240	27	58	12	1	5	27	42	28	.242	192	62	8	.969

LOS ANGELES DODGERS PITCHING

	g	cg	ip	h	r	bb	so	hb	wp	w	l	sv	pct	er	era
Horton	4	0	4½	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Hershiser	4	0	24½	18	5	7	15	2	1	1	0	1	1.000	3	1.10
Holton	3	0	4	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	2.25
Belcher	2	0	15½	12	7	4	16	0	0	2	0	0	1.000	7	4.11
Pena	3	0	4½	1	2	5	1	0	0	1	1	1	.000	2	4.15
Leary	2	0	4½	8	4	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	.000	3	6.23
Tudor	1	0	5	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	4	7.20
Orosco	4	0	2½	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	2	7.71
Howell	2	0	¾	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	.000	2	27.00
Totals	7	0	65	58	27	28	42	4	1	4	3	3	.571	24	3.32

NEW YORK METS PITCHING

	g	cg	ip	h	r	bb	so	hb	wp	w	l	sv	pct	er	era
Myers	3	0	4½	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1.000	0	0.00
Leach	3	0	5	4	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Aguilera	3	0	7	3	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1.29
Gooden	3	0	18½	10	6	8	20	1	2	0	0	0	.000	6	2.95
Cone	3	1	12	10	6	5	9	1	1	1	1	0	.500	6	4.50
McDowell	4	0	6	6	3	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	.000	3	4.50
Darling	2	0	7	11	9	4	7	0	0	0	1	0	.000	6	7.71
Fernandez	1	0	4	7	6	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	.000	6	13.50
Totals	7	1	64	52	31	25	54	2	3	3	4	0	.429	28	3.94

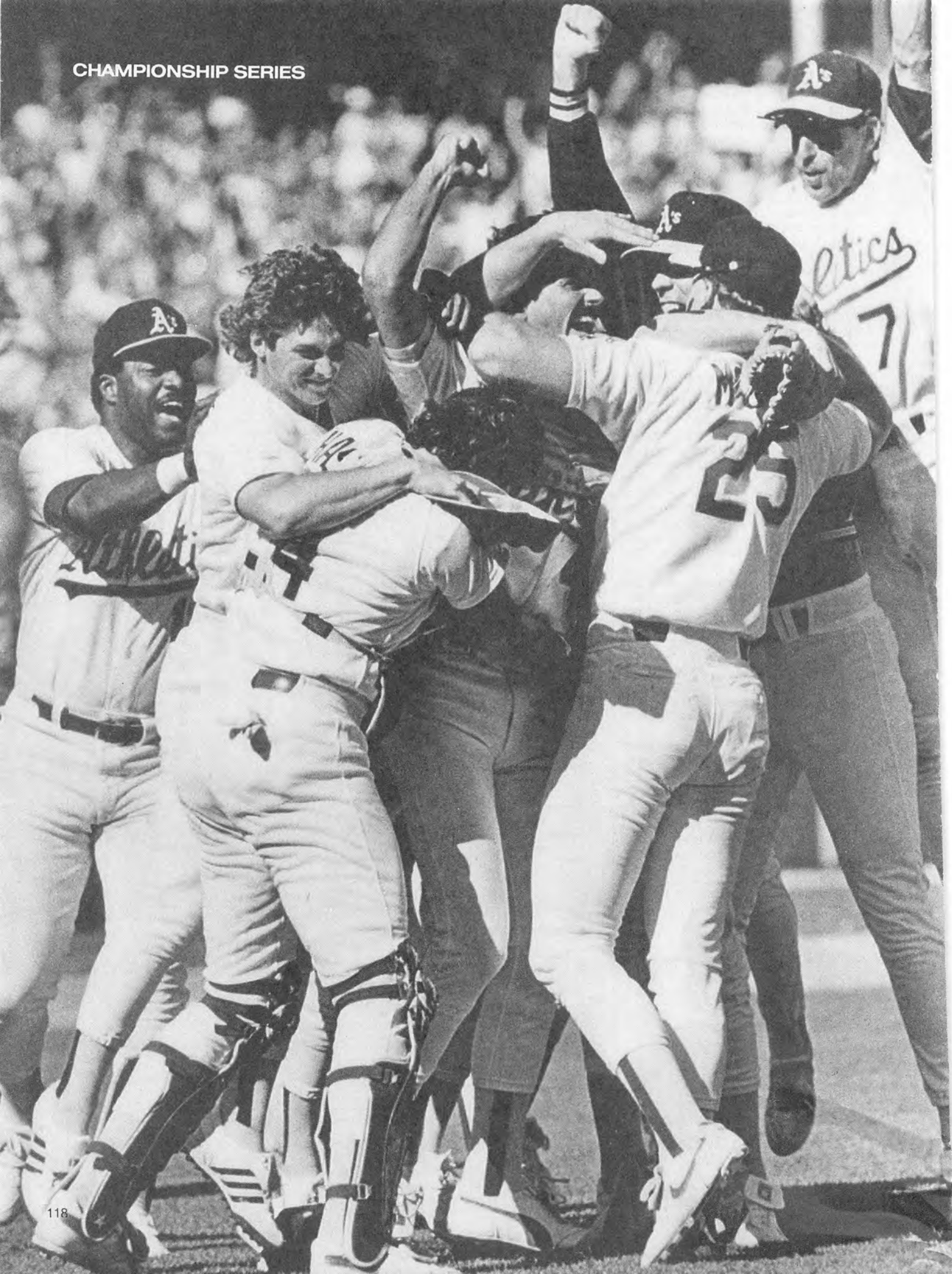
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New York	1	0	2	5	5	4	0	6	4	27
Los Angeles	5	11	1	3	5	0	1	3	0	31

DP—New York 2, Los Angeles 9. LOB—New York 54, Los Angeles 50. SB—Sax 5, Gibson 2, Shelby 2, Johnson, McReynolds 2, Backman, Hernandez, Mazzilli. S—Backman 2, Griffin, Cone. SF—McReynolds, Gibson, Shelby. HBP—Sax by Gooden, Game 1. Hamilton by Cone, Game 2. Jefferies by Orosco, Game 3. Dykstra by Leary, Game 6. Dykstra by Hershiser, Game 7. Mazzilli by Hershiser, Game 7. Balk—Cone, Gooden. PB—Scioscia. Umpires—Wendelstedt, McSherry, West, Rennett, Davidson, Runge. Official scorers—Red Foley (New York Daily News), Wayne Monroe (Dodgers' scorer). T—Game 1, 2:45. Game 2, 3:10. Game 3, 3:44. Game 4, 4:29. Game 5, 3:07. Game 6, 3:16. Game 7, 2:51. A—Game 1, 55,582. Game 2, 55,780. Game 3, 44,672. Game 4, 54,104. Game 5, 52,069. Game 6, 55,885. Game 7, 55,693.



CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



AMERICAN LEAGUE

Oakland Athletics vs. Boston Red Sox

● The Oakland Athletics, a .500 club in 1987, were baseball's biggest winners a year ago (104-58), racing to their seventh Western division title. Second in scoring and first in pitching in the American League, the A's established a record with 64 saves. They benefited by a trade with Los Angeles, acquiring right-hander Bob Welch, who fortified the rotation, in part for shortstop Alfredo Griffin, whose position was ably filled by rookie Walt Weiss.

The Boston Red Sox quickly transformed the team that had come within one strike of becoming World Series champions in 1986. To the nucleus of that unit they had added outfielders Mike Greenwell and Ellis Burks and infielders Todd Benzing and Jody Reed. They also obtained right-hander Lee Smith from the Chicago Cubs, who gave them the premier closer they had lacked. He had 29 saves, or 13 more than the Sox bullpen had in 1987. First in scoring and batting in the league, the Sox grabbed the division lead after manager John McNamara was replaced in mid-summer by Joe Morgan, for whom they immediately won 19 of 20 games and 24 in a row at home.

The Red Sox, who faltered down the stretch, became the first team to win the A.L. East with fewer than 90 victories (89-73). They were a sub-.500 club on the road and finished the regular season with three straight losses in Cleveland. Oakland, which took 9 of 12 games from Boston during the year, extended the Sox losing streak to seven by sweeping the series. That gave the A's their first pennant in 14 years and set up an all-California World Series with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Dennis Eckersley, who earned a save in each of the four games against his former Boston teammates, was named the MVP of the playoffs.

GAME 1 Oakland 2, Boston 1

The championship series opened in Fenway Park, where Boston left-hander Bruce Hurst (18-6, 3.66) had won 25 of his last 31 decisions. Opposing him was right-hander Dave Stewart (21-12, 3.23), the first Oakland pitcher since Catfish Hunter in 1973-74 to post consecutive 20-win seasons.

The Red Sox threatened early. With two down in the second, Jim Rice singled and Jody Reed walked. Rich Gedman singled in the hole at shortstop, where Walt Weiss's diving stop saved a run, to load the bases. But Wade Boggs, who in 1988 had won his fourth batting title (.366) in as many years with an unprecedented sixth straight 200-hit season, struck out to end the inning.

The Oakland A's swept the Boston Red Sox for the pennant; reliever Dennis Eckersley (right) was the MVP in the championship series.

Jose Canseco, the first player to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in a single season, hammered a 3-2 pitch high over the wall in left-center field to give the A's a 1-0 lead in the fourth.

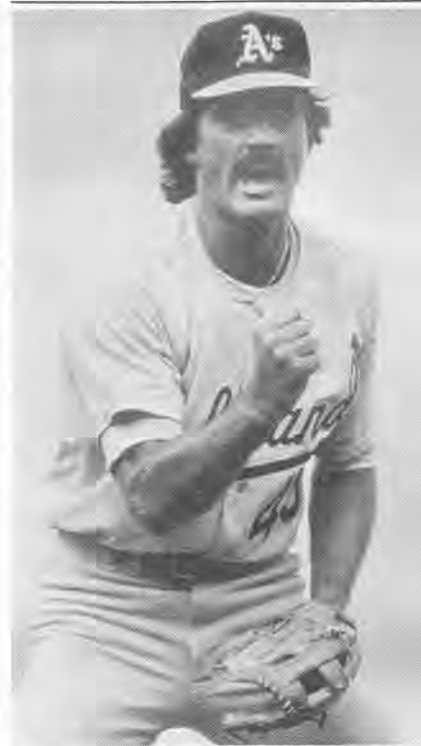
The Red Sox tied the game in the seventh. With one out, Rice walked. Kevin Romine ran for him, moved to second base after Reed was hit by a pitch, to third on a single by Gedman, and scored when Boggs greeted reliever Rick Honeycutt with a sacrifice fly.

Hurst was facing a lineup that featured three of his former teammates (third baseman Carney Lansford, center fielder Dave Henderson, and designated hitter Don Baylor), and he surrendered a double to Lansford leading off the eighth and a single to Henderson one pitch later that delivered the winning run. Yet another erstwhile Boston player, Dennis Eckersley, preserved the victory for Oakland. He yielded a two-out double to Reed in the ninth inning and a walk to Gedman before striking out Boggs to end the game.

"Wade Boggs had a bad game," said a detached Wade Boggs. "Eck was better than me."

Oakland.....	000	100	010—2	6	0
Boston.....	000	000	100—1	6	0

Stewart, Honeycutt (7), Eckersley (8), and Steinbach; Hurst and Gedman. W-Honeycutt, S-Eckersley, L-Hurst. HR-Canseco



GAME 2 Oakland 4, Boston 3

The Red Sox sent two-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens against Storm Davis to try to even the series in Boston. But for the second day in a row, Oakland rallied to win.

Clemens (18-12, 2.93), who won 15 of his first 20 decisions before struggling late in the summer, breezed through the early going, facing the minimum of 15 batters after five innings. Davis (16-7, 3.70), who at one point in the season had won 10 straight games, was equally impressive. But he was victimized for a pair of unearned runs in the sixth. After retiring Wade Boggs and Marty Barrett on two pitches, Davis walked Dwight Evans and Mike Greenwell. Jim Rice followed with a line drive to center field that Dave Henderson misplayed, with Evans scoring. Ellis Burks then singled through the hole into right field to drive in Greenwell.

Henderson, looking to atone for his error, singled to center to open the seventh. Jose Canseco hit an 0-2 pitch over the left-field wall. Dave Parker looped a base hit to center, then was forced out at second base on a grounder by Carney Lansford, who was balked to second, wild-pitched to third, and driven home by a Mark McGwire single.

"I ran out of gas," said Clemens afterward. He left the game at the end of the seventh with the score tied, though, because Rich Gedman homered off reliever Greg Cadaret, who had been summoned specifically to face him. It was Gedman's first homer of the year against a left-hander.

Lee Smith could not contain the A's. With one out in the ninth, Ron Hassey singled to left-center field. With two out, he took third on Tony Phillips's single to right. Walt Weiss, the No. 9 batter, admitted he "looked over my shoulder as I went to the plate. I've been pinch-hit for in that situation a few times." Oakland manager Tony LaRussa, however, stayed with Weiss, who drove an 0-2 fastball into center field for the go-ahead run.

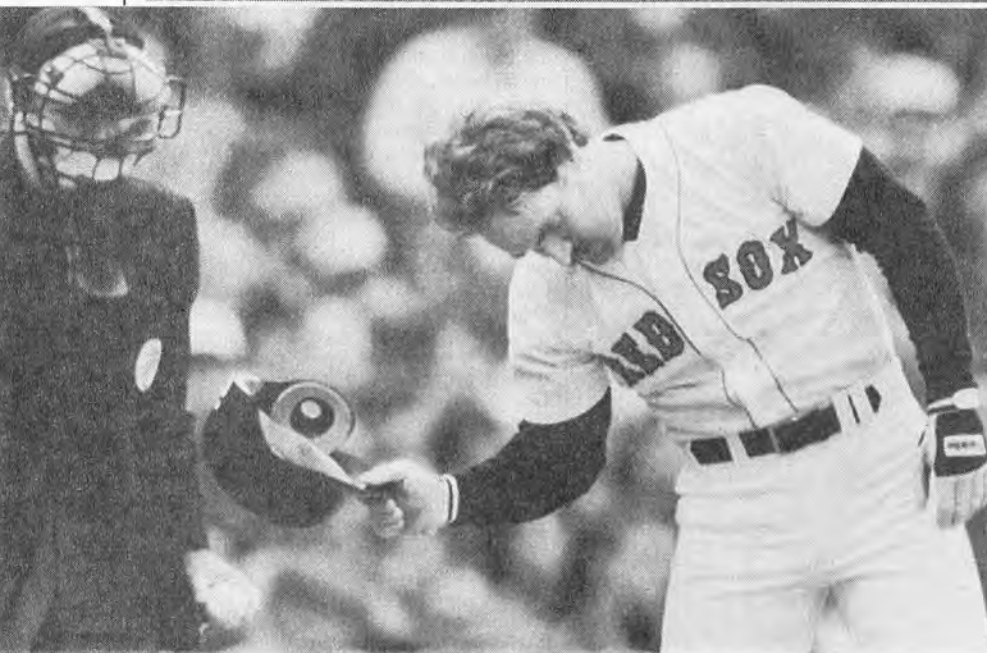
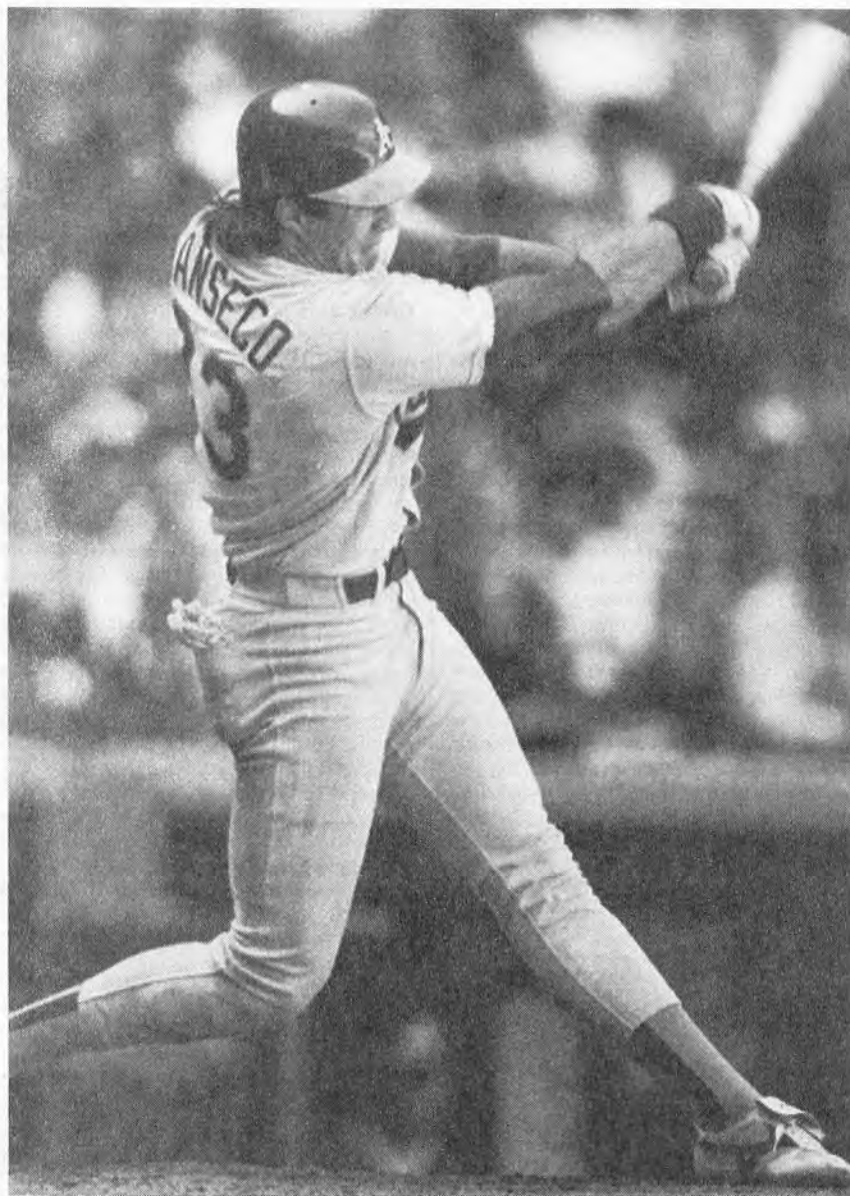
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Boston.....	000	002	100—3	4	1

Davis, Cadaret (7), Nelson (7), Eckersley (9), and Hassey; Clemens, Stanley (8), Smith (8), and Gedman. W-Nelson, S-Eckersley, L-Smith. HR-Canseco, Gedman

GAME 3 Oakland 10, Boston 6

The series shifted to Oakland, where the Red Sox had lost all six of their games in 1988 and 14 of their last 15. They sent Mike Boddicker (13-15, 3.39), whose acquisition in mid-summer was a key to their success, against Bob Welch, who had a career-high 17 victories (9 losses, 3.64) in his first season with the A's. By the third inning, both starters were gone.

Boddicker began the year by losing his first eight decisions with Baltimore, which



dropped its first 21 games. As he and the Orioles struggled to recover some of the form that got them to the World Series in 1983, the race in the American League East proceeded without them. On July 29 the Red Sox, their pitching staff weakened by injuries to Oil Can Boyd and Roger Clemens, obtained Boddicker for a couple of prospects. Boddicker responded with seven victories, including a three-hit shutout of Cleveland on September 29 that clinched the division.

Welch, part of a three-way trade with the Dodgers and the Mets, had pitched in four championship series with Los Angeles. The experience didn't help. Tagged for six hits and five runs, he didn't survive the second inning. Ellis Burks opened with a single, went to second on a balk, to third on a single by Marty Barrett, and home on a single by Wade Boggs. Mike Greenwell's double scored Barrett and Boggs. In the second, Burks doubled, was bunted to third by Barrett, and driven in by Boggs (sacrifice fly). When Greenwell homered to right field, Gene Nelson relieved Welch.

The A's tallied four times in their half of the second. Mark McGwire led off with a home run. Ron Hassey singled and was forced at second on a groundout by Stan Javier, who was out at second on Mike Gallego's grounder. Walt Weiss doubled to score Gallego and Carney Lansford homered. In the third, Boddicker retired Jose Canseco and Dave Parker, but he surrendered a single to McGwire and a home run to Hassey and was replaced by Wes Gardner.

The A's added single runs in the fifth (McGwire single and Hassey double) and

Jose Canseco powered three playoff home runs for the A's, who silenced the bats of Boston's Wade Boggs and Mike Greenwell (below).



seventh (Parker double and Javier single), sandwiched around Boston's sixth run (Boggs single and error by Dave Henderson and Dwight Evans single), then closed out the scoring on a two-run homer by Henderson in the eighth.

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Oakland042 010 12x—10 15 1
Boddicker, Gardner (3), Stanley (8), and Gedman; Welch, Nelson (2), C. Young (6), Plunk (7), Honeycutt (7), Eckersley (8), and Hassey. W-Nelson, S-Eckersley, L-Boddicker. HR-Greenwell, McGwire, Lansford, Henderson

GAME 4 Oakland 4, Boston 1

The A's completed a sweep of the championship series for their fourth pennant in Oakland and 14th in their history. They held the Red Sox, who had led the league in batting,

Carney Lansford and Dave Henderson bashed home runs in Oakland's 10-6 victory in Game 3 of the playoffs.



to a .206 average thanks largely to a bullpen that yielded just two runs in 14½ innings.

"We lost to the best club in the league," admitted Boston manager Joe Morgan. "They are solid all-around."

In a rematch of opening-game starters, Dave Stewart prevailed over Bruce Hurst. Stewart loaded the bases in the first but struck out Dwight Evans to end the inning. He then retired 12 of the next 13 batters before issuing a walk to Marty Barrett in the sixth. A single (Wade Boggs), a fielder's choice (Mike Greenwell), and a groundout produced Boston's only run.

Jose Canseco put the A's in front in their first at-bat with his third home run of the series (to tie an A.L.C.S. record set by George Brett). The A's added another run in the third on singles by Walt Weiss and Carney Lansford and a double by Dave Henderson. They closed out the scoring in the eighth on consecutive singles by Canseco (who stole second), Mark McGwire, and Stan Javier, a walk by Luis Polonia, and a sac fly by Don Baylor.

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Hurst, Smithson (5), Smith (7), and Gedman; Stewart, Honeycutt (8), Eckersley (9), and Steinbach, Hassey. W-Stewart, S-Eckersley, L-Hurst. HR-Canseco

OAKLAND ATHLETICS BATTING AND FIELDING

	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	so	bb	avg	po	a	e	pct
Hassey	4	8	2	4	1	0	1	3	1	1	.500	13	0	0	1.000
Javier	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	.500	5	0	0	1.000
Polonia	3	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	.400	3	0	0	1.000
Henderson	4	16	2	6	1	0	1	4	7	1	.375	11	0	2	.846
McGwire	4	15	4	5	0	0	1	3	5	1	.333	24	2	0	1.000
Weiss	4	15	2	5	2	0	0	2	4	0	.333	7	10	0	1.000
Canseco	4	16	4	5	1	0	3	4	2	1	.313	6	0	0	1.000
Lansford	4	17	4	5	1	0	1	2	2	0	.294	7	8	0	1.000
Phillips	2	7	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	1	.286	9	0	0	1.000
Parker	3	12	1	3	1	0	0	0	4	0	.250	1	0	1	.500
Steinbach	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	.250	12	0	0	1.000
Gallego	4	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	.083	7	6	0	1.000
Baylor	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	.000	0	0	0	—
Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	1.000
Eckersley	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2	0	0	1.000
Nelson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Honeycutt	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Young	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Plunk	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Stewart	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	1.000
Welch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	0	0	1.000
Cadaret	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Totals	4	137	20	41	8	0	7	20	35	10	.299	108	30	3	.979

BOSTON RED SOX BATTING AND FIELDING

	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	so	bb	avg	po	a	e	pct
Boggs	4	13	2	5	0	0	0	3	4	3	.385	6	6	0	1.000
Gedman	4	14	1	5	0	0	1	1	1	2	.357	34	5	0	1.000
Reed	4	11	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	.273	3	10	0	1.000
Burks	4	17	2	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	.235	10	0	0	1.000
Greenwell	4	14	2	3	1	0	1	3	0	3	.214	4	0	0	1.000
Evans	4	12	1	2	1	0	0	1	5	3	.167	11	0	0	1.000
Rice	4	13	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	2	.154	0	0	0	—
Benzinger	4	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	.091	21	1	0	1.000
Barrett	4	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.067	6	8	0	1.000
Parrish	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	7	0	0	1.000
Romine	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Owen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	0	0	0	—
Romero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Smithson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Hurst	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	4	0	1.000
Clemens	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	1	.000
Gardner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Smith	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Stanley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Boddicker	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Totals	4	126	11	26	4	0	2	10	23	18	.206	102	34	1	.993

OAKLAND ATHLETICS PITCHING

	g	cg	ip	h	r	bb	so	hb	wp	w	l	sv	pct.	er	era
Davis	1	0	6½	2	2	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Eckersley	4	0	6	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	4	0	.000	0	0.00
Nelson	2	0	4½	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1.000	0	0.00
Honeycutt	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0.00
Young	1	0	1½	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Plunk	1	0	½	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Stewart	2	0	13½	9	2	6	11	1	0	1	0	0	.000	2	1.35
Welch	1	0	1½	6	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	5	27.00
Cadaret	1	0	½	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	27.00
Totals	4	0	36	26	11	18	23	1	1	4	0	4	1.000	8	2.00

BOSTON RED SOX PITCHING

	g	cg	ip	h	r	bb	so	hb	wp	w	l	sv	pct.	er	era
Smithson	1	0	2½	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Hurst	2	1	13	10	4	5	12	0	0	0	2	0	.000	4	2.77
Clemens	1	0	7	6	3	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	.000	3	3.86
Gardner	1	0	4½	6	3	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	5.79
Smith	2	0	3½	6	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	.000	3	8.10
Stanley	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	9.00
Boddicker	1	0	2½	8	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	.000	6	20.25
Totals	4	1	34	41	20	10	35	0	1	0	4	0	.000	20	5.29

COMPOSITE SCORE BY INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Oakland	1	4	3	1	1	0	4	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Boston	3	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11

DP—Boston 2, Oakland 5. LOB—Boston 30, Oakland 26. SB—Canseco. S—Reed, Barrett. SF—Boggs 2, Baylor. HBP—Reed by Stewart. Balk—Clemens, Welch. PB—Steinbach, Gedman. Umpires—Denkinger, Hendry, McClelland, Kosc, Kaiser, Shulock. Official Scorers—Charles Scoggins (Lowell, Mass., Sun), Glenn Schwartz (San Francisco Examiner). T—Game 1, 2:55. Game 2, 3:14. Game 3, 3:14. Game 4, 2:55. A—Game 1, 34,104. Game 2, 34,605. Game 3, 49,406. Game 4, 49,406.

WORLD SERIES RECAP

● The 85th World Series was an all-California affair featuring the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Oakland Athletics. The Dodgers, who engineered a remarkable rebuilding effort last season, overcame the New York Mets in seven games in their championship series. The A's swept the Boston Red Sox to become the eighth different American League team in as many years in the Series. The pennant was the first for Los Angeles since 1981 and for Oakland since 1974, when the A's defeated the Dodgers in five games for their third consecutive championship.

An injured Kirk Gibson limped off the bench in the ninth inning of Game 1 and gave Los Angeles a storybook ending with a two-out, two-run home run.



GAME 1 Los Angeles 5, Oakland 4

Following a script too theatrical even by Hollywood standards, Tommy Lasorda directed his troupe through its paces before introducing a deus ex machina in the final act. Kirk Gibson emerged from the wings and brought down the house with a game-winning home run in the ninth inning.

The starting pitchers were ex-Dodger Dave Stewart for Oakland and Tim Lincecum, once a member of the A's, for Los Angeles. In keeping with a pattern they had established in six of their playoff games with New York, the Dodgers got on the scoreboard first. Steve Sax was struck by the initial pitch thrown by Stewart in the bottom of the first (that in retaliation for Jose Canseco's being hit in the top of that inning?). After Franklin Stubbs flied out, Sax was balked to second, whence he scored after Mickey Hatcher hit his second home run of the season.

The lead was short-lived. Glenn Hubbard led off the second with a single. The A's then sandwiched walks to Stewart—batting for the first time in five years—and Carney Lansford in between strikeouts by Walt Weiss and Dave Henderson. Canseco slammed a line drive over the center-field fence for four runs.

The Dodgers strung together three straight singles in the sixth for another run, and Tim Lincecum, Brian Holton, and Alejandro Pena shut out the A's on four hits after the second inning. That set the stage for the dramatic climax. Oakland had Dennis Eckersley, who had a major-league-leading 45 saves, on the mound in the ninth. He got two quick outs before walking pinch hitter Mike Davis, his A's teammate a year earlier, while Dave Anderson waited on deck to hit for Pena. But Lasorda withdrew Anderson for Gibson, whose strained hamstring and injured knee (from Game 7 of the N.L.C.S.) had sidelined him. Gibson fouled off the first three pitches, worked the count to 3-2, then hit a slider into the seats in right field. The star, reduced to a walk-on role, had delivered. "It's a storybook finish," said Gibson.

GAME 2 Los Angeles 6, Oakland 0

Having tamed his Western Division rivals in September and the New York Mets in the playoffs, Orel Hershiser turned his attention to the Oakland Athletics, who had slugged their way to baseball's best record in 1988. Hershiser, pitching on three days' rest and making his fourth appearance in nine days,

Oakland	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Lansford, 3b	4	1	0	0	2	2
Henderson, cf	5	0	2	0	4	0
Canseco, rf	4	1	1	4	3	0
Parker, lf	2	0	0	0	1	0
cJavier, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
McGwire, 1b	3	0	0	0	6	0
Steinbach, c	4	0	1	0	5	0
Hassey, c	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hubbard, 2b	4	1	2	0	2	0
Weiss, ss	4	0	0	0	2	3
Stewart, p	3	1	0	0	0	0
Eckersley, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	7	4	26	5

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Sax, 2b	3	1	1	0	3	1
Stubbs, 1b	4	0	0	0	7	0
Hatcher, lf	3	1	1	2	1	0
Marshall, rf	4	1	1	0	2	0
Shelby, cf	4	0	1	0	3	0
Scioscia, c	4	0	1	1	9	0
Hamilton, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1
Griffin, ss	2	0	1	0	1	4
eM. Davis	0	1	0	0	0	0
Belcher, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
aHeep	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leary, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
bWoodson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Holton, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
dGonzalez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pena, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
iGibson	1	1	1	2	0	0
Totals	32	5	7	5	27	8

Oakland.....	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	—	4	
Los Angeles.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	—	5
Two out when winning run scored.										

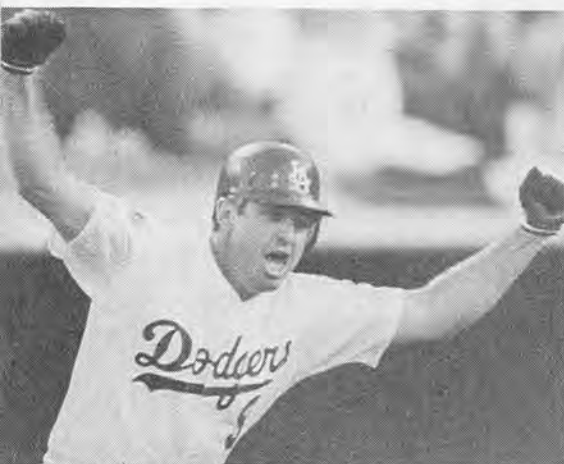
Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Stewart	8	6	3	3	2	5
Eckersley (L)	2/3	1	2	2	1	1

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Belcher	2	3	4	4	4	3
Leary	3	3	0	0	1	3
Holton	2	0	0	0	1	0
Pena (W)	2	1	0	0	0	3

Bases on balls—off Stewart 2 (Hatcher, Griffin), off Eckersley 1 (M. Davis), off Belcher 4 (Lansford, Parker, McGwire, Stewart), off Leary 1 (McGwire), off Holton 1 (Parker). Strikeouts—by Stewart 5 (Hatcher, Marshall, Shelby, Hamilton, Gonzalez), by Eckersley 1 (Hamilton), by Belcher 3 (Lansford, Henderson, Weiss), by Leary 3 (Stewart, Steinbach), by Pena 3 (Stewart, Henderson, Canseco).

Game-winning RBI—Gibson.
aGrounded out for Belcher in second. bForced Griffin for Leary in fifth. cRan for Parker in seventh. dStruck out for Holton in seventh. eWalked for Griffin in ninth. fHit two-run homer for Pena in ninth. Errors—None. Double play—Lansford and McGwire. Left on bases—Oakland 10, Los Angeles 5. Two-base hit—Henderson. Home runs—Hatcher, Canseco, Gibson. Stolen bases—Canseco, Sax, M. Davis. Hit by pitcher—by Belcher (Canseco), by Stewart (Sax). Wild pitch—Stewart. Balk—Stewart. Umpires—Harvey (N.L.) plate, Merrill (A.L.), first base. Froemming (N.L.) second base, Cousins (A.L.) third base, Crawford (N.L.) second base, Cousins (A.L.) third base. Crawford (N.L.) left field, McDoy (A.L.) right field. Time—3:04. Attendance—55,983.





Oakland	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Lansford, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Henderson, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Canseco, rf	4	0	0	0	2	0
Parker, lf	4	0	3	0	3	0
McGwire, 1b	3	0	0	0	8	1
Hassey, c	3	0	0	0	8	0
Hubbard, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1
Weiss, ss	3	0	0	0	0	3
S. Davis, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Nelson, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
aPolonia	1	0	0	0	0	0
Young, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
Plunk, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
cBaylor	1	0	0	0	0	0
Honeycutt, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	3	0	24	7

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Sax, 2b	4	1	1	0	2	5
Stubbs, 1b	2	1	1	1	7	0
bWoodson, 1b	1	0	0	0	2	1
Hatcher, lf	4	1	2	1	1	0
Marshall, rf	4	1	2	3	2	0
Gonzalez, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelby, cf	4	0	0	0	1	0
Scioscia, c	4	0	0	0	8	0
Hamilton, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3
Griffin, ss	4	1	1	0	3	3
Hershiser, p	3	1	3	1	1	1
Totals	34	6	10	6	27	13

Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	5	1	0	0	6

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	\$0
S. Davis (L)	3 1/3	8	6	6	0	2
Nelson	1 2/3	1	0	0	1	1
Young	1	1	0	0	0	0
Plunk	1	0	0	0	0	3
Honeycutt	1	0	0	0	0	2

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	\$0
Hershiser (W)	9	3	0	0	2	8

Bases on balls—off Nelson 1 (Stubbs), off Hershiser 2 (Hubbard, Lansford). Strikeouts—by S. Davis 2 (Marshall, Scioscia), by Nelson 1 (Shelby), by Plunk 3 (Hatcher, Marshall, Shelby), by Honeycutt 2 (Hamilton, Griffin), by Hershiser 8 (Henderson 2, Lansford, Canseco, Parker, Hassey, S. Davis, Baylor).

Game-winning RBI—Stubbs.

aPopped out for Nelson in sixth. bPopped out for Stubbs in sixth. cStruck out for Plunk in eighth. Error—Hamilton. Double plays—Griffin, Sax and Stubbs 2. Left on bases—Oakland 4, Los Angeles 5. Two-base hits—Hershiser 2. Three-base hit—Marshall. Home run—Marshall. Stolen base—Weiss. Umpires—Merrill (A.L.) plate, Froemming (N.L.) first base, Cousins (A.L.) second base, Crawford (N.L.) third base, McCoy (A.L.) left field, Harvey (N.L.) right field. Time—2:30. Attendance—56,051.

tossed yet another shutout—the eighth in his last 10 starts. That extended his postseason scoreless streak to 19 1/3 innings and lowered his earned-run average since August 30 to 0.29. Hershiser permitted just three hits—all singles by Dave Parker—and with three hits of his own (two doubles and a

single), accounted for more total bases than the A's and helped compensate for the absence of the injured Kirk Gibson. The performance put L.A. ahead two games to none.

Hershiser was the offensive catalyst in the third inning, when the Dodgers scored five times against Storm Davis. He singled to center after first faking a bunt, went to third on a single to right by Steve Sax, and scored on a single by Franklin Stubbs. Mickey Hatcher bounced a hit-and-run single up the middle to score Sax and Mike Marshall pulled an 0-2 pitch over the left-field fence.

Hershiser had an RBI in the fourth inning. With one out, Alfredo Griffin hit an infield single. Hershiser fouled off two bunts, then doubled down the right-field line to score Griffin, who was running on the pitch. It was the first extra-base hit by a pitcher in the World Series since Rick Rhoden doubled for Los Angeles against New York in 1977.

Hershiser's double in the sixth inning made him the first pitcher since Art Nehf of the Giants in 1924 to collect three hits in a Series game.

GAME 3 Oakland 2, Los Angeles 1

The Series shifted north to Oakland, and the change was beneficial to the A's, who had posted the best home record in the American League. They received timely pitching from Bob Welch and three relievers and a clutch home run from Mark McGwire for a 2-1 victory, the 13th in a row for the Series' host team.

Steve Sax (right) was the catalyst for the Dodgers and Mickey Hatcher (above left) hit two home runs; Jose Canseco had just one hit in the World Series—a grand-slam home run in the first game.



Welch, obtained in a three-way deal with Los Angeles and the New York Mets prior to the season, won a career-high 17 games. He was the A's most experienced pitcher—though not the best—in postseason play. As a rookie in the 1978 World Series he had earned a save with a memorable strikeout of the Yankees' Reggie Jackson to end Game 2. But in 11 championship and Series appearances, Welch had just one win and an inflated earned-run average.

Opposing Welch was John Tudor, who pitched in the '87 Series as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals. He was acquired for Pedro Guerrero last August and compiled a 4-3 mark and 2.41 ERA in L.A. The only active pitcher in the National League to win at least 10 games in each of the last seven years,



Tudor was making his sixth Series start.

Oakland ended its 19-inning scoreless drought with a run in the third inning. Glenn Hubbard led off with a long single off the left-field wall, stole second and went to third on catcher Mike Scioscia's throwing error, and scored on a single by Ron Hassey. It was the first time since the third inning of Game 1 that the A's had managed two hits in the same inning.

Los Angeles tied the score in the fifth on a single by Jeff Hamilton, a sacrifice by Alfredo Griffin, and a double by Franklin Stubbs. The Dodgers loaded the bases with no one out an inning later, but Greg Cadaret and Gene Nelson came out of the A's bullpen to strand the three runners.

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Sax, 2b	5	0	1	0	2	0
Stubbs, 1b	4	0	1	1	8	0
dWoodson, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hatcher, lf-rf	4	0	1	0	3	0
Marshall, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
bHeep, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Shelby, cf	3	0	2	0	3	0
M. Davis, dh	2	0	0	0	0	0
cAnderson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Scioscia, c	4	0	1	0	6	0
Hamilton, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1
Griffin, ss	3	0	0	0	2	2
Tudor, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leary, p	0	0	0	0	1	2
Pena, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Howell, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	1	8	1	25	5

Oakland	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Phillips, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
aPolonia, lf	3	0	0	0	1	0
Henderson, cf	4	0	0	0	1	0
Canseco, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
McGwire, 1b	4	1	1	1	7	0
Steinbach, dh	3	0	2	0	0	0
Lanford, 3b	3	0	0	0	3	2
Hubbard, 2b	3	1	1	0	1	2
Hassey, c	1	0	1	1	13	0
Weiss, ss	3	0	0	0	0	1
Welch, p	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cadaret, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honeycutt, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	2	5	2	27	6

Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	1
Oakland	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	—	2

One out when winning run scored.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tudor	1½	0	0	0	0	1
Leary	3½	3	1	1	1	1
Pena	3	1	0	0	1	4
J. Howell (L)	½	1	1	1	0	0

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Welch	5	6	1	1	3	8
Cadaret	½	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	1½	2	0	0	0	1
Honeycutt (W)	2	0	0	0	0	3

Bases on balls—off Leary 1 (Hassey), off Pena 1 (Hassey), off Welch 3 (Shelby, M. Davis, Hamilton). Strikeouts—by Tudor 1 (McGwire), by Leary 1 (Henderson), by Pena 4 (Polonia, Henderson, Canseco, McGwire), by Welch 8 (Stubbs 2, Hatcher, Marshall, Heep, Shelby, Scioscia, Griffin), by Nelson 1 (Stubbs), by Honeycutt 3 (Anderson, Hamilton, Griffin).

Game-winning RBI—McGwire.

aGrounded out for Phillips in third. bStruck out for Marshall in fourth. cStruck out for M. Davis in eighth. dFiled out for Stubbs in ninth. Error—Scioscia. Double plays—Leary and Stubbs. Left on bases—Los Angeles 10, Oakland 4. Two-base hits—Steinbach, Stubbs, Heep, Hatcher. Home run—McGwire. Stolen bases—Hubbard, Shelby. Sacrifice hit—Griffin. Balk—Leary. Umpires—Froemming (N.L.) plate, Cousins (A.L.) first base, Crawford (N.L.) second base, McCoy (A.L.) third base, Harvey (N.L.) left field, Merrill (A.L.) right field. Time—3:21. Attendance—49,316.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS BATTING AND FIELDING

	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	so	bb	avg	po	a	e	pct
Hershiser	2	3	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1.000	1	1	0	1.000
Gibson	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—
Hatcher	5	19	5	7	1	0	2	5	3	1	.368	8	0	0	1.000
Sax	5	20	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	.300	11	11	0	1.000
Stubbs	5	17	3	5	2	0	0	2	3	1	.294	34	0	0	1.000
Heep	3	8	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0	—
Marshall	5	13	2	3	0	1	1	3	5	0	.231	6	0	0	1.000
Shelby	5	18	0	4	1	0	0	1	7	2	.222	14	0	0	1.000
Scioscia	4	14	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	.214	28	0	1	.966
Dempsey	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	.200	13	1	0	1.000
Griffin	5	16	2	3	0	0	0	0	4	2	.188	7	13	1	.952
M. Davis	4	7	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	.143	0	0	0	—
Hamilton	5	19	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	.105	2	5	1	.875
Woodson	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	6	1	0	1.000
Gonzalez	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000
Anderson	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	—
Leary	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	3	0	1.000
Holtton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	1.000
Pena	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Belcher	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Howell	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Tudor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Totals	5	167	21	41	8	1	5	19	36	13	.246	133	36	3	.983

OAKLAND ATHLETICS BATTING AND FIELDING

	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	so	bb	avg	po	a	e	pct
Javier	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	.500	1	0	0	1.000
Steinbach	3	11	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	.364	11	3	0	1.000
Henderson	5	20	1	6	2	0	0	1	7	2	.300	12	0	0	1.000
Hassey	5	8	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	3	.250	28	1	0	1.000
Hubbard	4	12	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	.250	5	7	1	.923
Phillips	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	.250	3	5	0	1.000
Parker	4	15	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	.200	4	0	0	1.000
Lanford	5	18	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	.167	8	7	0	1.000
Polonia	3	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	.111	2	0	0	1.000
Weiss	5	16	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	.063	5	11	1	.941
McGwire	5	17	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	3	.059	40	3	0	1.000
Canseco	5	19	1	1	0	0	1	5	5	2	.053	8	0	0	1.000
Stewart	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	.000	0	1	0	1.000
G. Davis	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	2	1	0	1.000
Baylor	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	—
Nelson	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	2	0	1.000
Welch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	0	1.000
Young	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	1.000
Cadaret	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Honeycutt	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Eckersley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Plunk	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Burns	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Gallego	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—
Totals	5	158	11	28	3	0	2	11	41	17	.177	131	43	2	.989



Mark McGwire's home run in the ninth inning of Game 3 gave Oakland its only victory in the Series.

The score remained tied at 1-1 until McGwire hit his game-winning home run off reliever Jay Howell, pitching for the first time since his ejection from Game 3 of the league championship series.

GAME 4 Los Angeles 4, Oakland 3

Los Angeles moved within one game of the World Series title with a makeshift lineup that produced four runs and with solid pitching that limited Oakland to three.

Short-handed from the opening pitch of the Series with Kirk Gibson injured, the Dodgers began play with left-hander John Tudor unavailable due to hip and elbow problems and right fielder Mike Marshall in the dugout with a bad back. Then they lost catcher Mike Scioscia in the fourth inning with a twisted knee. The starting lineup amassed 36 home runs, or six fewer than the A's Jose Canseco hit in 1988. Mike Davis, who batted .196 with two homers and 17 RBIs, was the cleanup hitter for L.A. Danny Heep, with no homers and just 11 runs batted in, was the designated hitter.

The Dodgers, however, for the 10th time in 11 postseason games, scored first, with a pair of runs in the first inning. Steve Sax walked, went to third on a hit-and-run single to right by Mickey Hatcher, and scored on a passed ball by Terry Steinbach. Davis reached first when second baseman Glenn Hubbard mishandled his hard grounder, then he stole second. John Shelby was out when his liner deflected off pitcher Dave

Stewart's glove to Hubbard, who threw to first as Hatcher crossed the plate.

The Athletics answered immediately in their half of the inning. Luis Polonia looped a single to left against Tim Belcher, took second on a passed ball, and scored on a groundout by Canseco.

The Dodgers got an unearned run in the third. Franklin Stubbs doubled into the left-field gap with one down. Hatcher flied out and Davis hit a soft liner toward second base that glanced off shortstop Walt Weiss's glove. It was the first error by Weiss since July 8, and it allowed Stubbs to score.

Oakland drew to within 3-2 in the sixth inning. Dave Henderson singled to left, Canseco fouled out to first, Dave Parker flied out to right, Mark McGwire walked, and Carney Lansford collected his first hit of the Series with an RBI single to right.

The Dodgers countered promptly with what would be the winning run in the seventh inning. With one out, Alfredo Griffin walked and then went to third when Sax bounced a single up the middle. Left-hander

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Sax, 2b	4	1	1	0	1	3
Stubbs, 1b	3	1	1	0	6	0
aWoodson, 1b	1	0	0	1	4	0
Hatcher, lf	4	1	1	0	1	0
Marshall, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. Davis, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
bGonzalez, rf-lf	1	0	0	0	2	0
Shelby, cf	4	0	1	1	3	0
Scioscia, c	2	0	1	0	5	0
Dempsey, c	1	0	0	0	4	0
Heep, dh	4	0	1	0	0	0
Hamilton, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0
Griffin, ss	3	1	1	0	0	2
Belcher, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Howell, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	8	2	27	5

Oakland	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Polonia, lf	5	1	1	0	1	0
Henderson, cf	5	1	4	1	6	0
eJavier, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canseco, rf	3	0	0	1	1	0
Parker, dh	5	0	0	0	0	0
McGwire, 1b	3	0	0	0	8	0
Lansford, 3b	4	0	1	1	1	0
Steinbach, c	4	0	1	0	6	3
Hubbard, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	4
cHassey	1	0	1	0	0	0
dGallego, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weiss, ss	4	1	1	0	3	3
Stewart, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cadaret, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eckersley, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	3	9	3	27	11

Los Angeles	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	—4
Oakland	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	—3

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Belcher (W)	6 ² / ₃	7	3	2	2	7
J. Howell (S)	2 ¹ / ₃	2	0	0	1	2
Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Stewart (L)	6 ¹ / ₃	6	4	2	3	0
Cadaret	1 ² / ₃	1	0	0	0	3
Eckersley	1	1	0	0	0	1

Bases on balls—off Belcher 2 (Canseco, McGwire), off J. Howell 1 (Canseco), off Stewart 3 (Sax, Dempsey, Griffin). Strikeouts—by Belcher 7 (Polonia, Parker, 2, McGwire, Steinbach, Hubbard 2); by J. Howell 2 (Weiss, Canseco), by Cadaret 3 (Gonzalez, Dempsey, Heep), by Eckersley 1 (Sax).

Game-winning RBI—None.

aRan RBI groundout for Stubbs in seventh. bStruck out for M. Davis in eighth. cSingled for Hubbard in eighth. dRan for Hassey in eighth. eRan for Henderson in ninth. Errors—Hubbard, Weiss, Griffin. Left on bases—Los Angeles 6, Oakland 10. Two base hits—Stubbs, Henderson, Shelby. Stolen base—M. Davis. Caught stealing—Heep, Scioscia, Griffin. Passed balls—Steinbach. Scioscia. Umpires—Cousins (A.L.) plate, Crawford (N.L.) first base, McCoy (A.L.) second base, Harvey (N.L.) third base, Merrill (A.L.) left field, Froemming (N.L.) right field. Time—3:05. Attendance—49,317.

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Sax, 2b	4	0	2	0	3	2
Stubbs, 1b	4	1	2	0	6	0
Hatcher, lf	4	2	2	2	2	0
Gonzalez, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall, rf	4	0	0	0	2	0
Shelby, cf	3	0	0	0	4	0
M. Davis, dh	2	2	1	2	0	0
Dempsey, c	4	0	1	1	9	1
Hamilton, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Griffin, ss	4	0	0	0	1	2
Hershiser, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	8	5	27	5

Oakland	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A
Javier, lf	3	0	1	2	1	0
Henderson, cf	2	0	0	0	1	0
Canseco, rf	4	0	0	0	2	0
Parker, dh	4	0	0	0	0	0
McGwire, 1b	4	0	0	0	11	2
Hassey, c	3	0	0	0	6	1
Lansford, 3b	4	1	2	0	1	3
Phillips, 2b	3	1	1	0	3	5
Weiss, ss	2	0	0	0	0	1
S. Davis, p	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cadaret, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson, p	0	0	0	0	1	1
Honeycutt, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plunk, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burns, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	2	4	2	27	14

Los Angeles	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	—5
Oakland	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	—2

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hershiser (W)	9	4	2	2	4	9

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
S. Davis (L)	4 ² / ₃	6	4	4	1	5
Cadaret	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nelson	3	1	1	1	2	1
Honeycutt	1 ¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	0
Plunk	2 ¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	0
Burns	1 ¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	0

Cadaret pitched to one batter in fifth.

Bases on balls—off Hershiser 4 (Henderson 2, Hassey, Phillips), off S. Davis 1 (M. Davis), off Nelson 2 (M. Davis, Shelby). Strikeouts—by Hershiser 9 (Javier, Henderson, Canseco, Parker, McGwire, Hassey 2, Phillips 2), by S. Davis 5 (Marshall, Shelby 2, Dempsey, Griffin), by Nelson 1 (Shelby).

Game-winning RBI—Hatcher.

Errors—none. Double play—Weiss, Phillips and McGwire. Left on bases—Los Angeles 4, Oakland 6. Two-base hit—Dempsey. Home runs—Hatcher, M. Davis. Caught stealing—Sax. Sacrifice hit—Weiss. Sacrifice fly—Javier. Wild pitch—Hershiser. Umpires—Crawford (N.L.) plate, McCoy (A.L.) first base, Harvey (N.L.) second base, Merrill (A.L.) third base, Froemming (N.L.) left field, Cousins (A.L.) right field. Time—2:51. Attendance—49,317.

Oakland's Jose Canseco showed his frustration after he was struck out by Orel Hershiser in Game 2 of the Series.

Greg Cadaret was summoned by A's manager Tony LaRussa to face the lefty Stubbs, but Tom Lasorda sent the right-handed-hitting Tracy Woodson up as a pinch hitter. Woodson grounded to short with what might have been an inning-ending double play, but Sax, running on the pitch, beat the throw to second as Griffin scored.

Oakland again responded in its half of the inning. With one out, Weiss reached first on an infield hit, was safe at second on a hit-and-run groundout, and scored on a double by Henderson. Jay Howell, the losing pitcher in the previous night's game, relieved Belcher. He walked Canseco, then saw Parker reach first on an error by Griffin before he retired McGwire on a pop-up to Woodson at first. Howell shut out the A's over the final two innings—striking out Canseco in the ninth with the tying run on base—to earn the save.

GAME 5 Los Angeles 5, Oakland 2

With Orel Hershisser in a starring role and with strong supporting performances by a cast composed largely of stand-ins, the Dodgers brought down the curtain on the season. Their 5-2 victory gave them their first World Series title in seven years.

Led by Hershisser, the Dodgers shut down the Oakland offense, limiting it to 28 hits, 11 runs, and a .177 average in the Series. Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire, who together had 74 home runs and 223 RBIs during the year, were a combined 2-for-36.

Hershisser permitted just four singles in the finale to pick up his second complete-game victory, but he saw his scoreless streak snapped at 22 innings. He received offensive support from two unlikely sources. Mickey Hatcher and Mike Davis, with a total of three home runs in '88, each provided two-run homers. Hatcher, filling in for Kirk Gibson, connected off Storm Davis in the first inning following a single by Franklin Stubbs. Davis, with Hatcher on first via an infield hit in the fourth, hit a 3-0 pitch over the right-field fence.

The A's finally broke through against Hershisser with a run in the third inning on a single by Carney Lansford, a hit-and-run single

to left (with shortstop Alfredo Griffin covering second base) by Tony Phillips, a sacrifice by Walt Weiss, and a sac fly by Stan Javier. It was only the fourth earned run against Hershisser in over 95 innings. They scored again in the eighth on a walk to Phillips, a fielder's choice, and an RBI single by Javier.

Hershisser, with a 2-0 mark and 1.00 ERA and a 1.000 batting average, was the Most Valuable Player in the Series.

Oakland manager Tony LaRussa saw his team bat .177 and score just 11 runs in the Series; shortstop Alfredo Griffin (below) helped solidify the Los Angeles infield.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS PITCHING

	g	cg	ip	h	r	bb	so	hb	wp	w	l	sv	pct.	er	era
Pena	2	0	5	2	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0.00
Holton	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Tudor	1	0	1½	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Hershisser	2	2	18	7	2	6	17	0	1	2	0	0	1.000	2	1.00
Leary	2	0	6½	6	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1.35
Howell	2	0	2½	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	.000	1	3.38
Belcher	2	0	8½	10	7	6	10	1	0	1	0	0	1.000	6	6.23
Totals	5	2	44½	28	11	17	41	1	1	4	1	1	.800	10	2.03

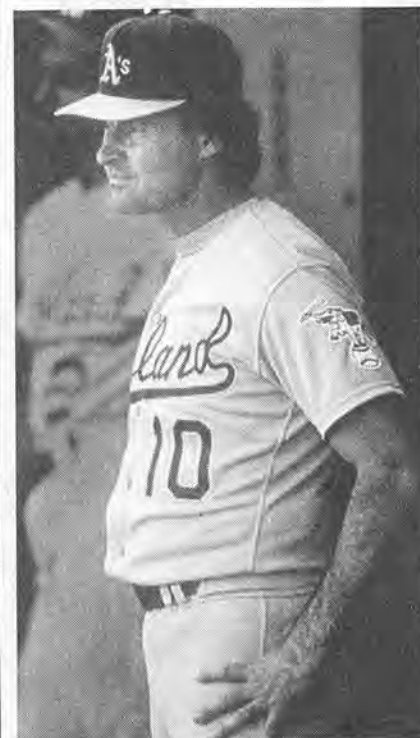
OAKLAND ATHLETICS PITCHING

	g	cg	ip	h	r	bb	so	hb	wp	w	l	sv	pct.	er	era
Honeycutt	3	0	3½	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0.00
Cadaret	3	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Plunk	2	0	1½	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Young	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Burns	1	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Nelson	3	0	6½	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1.42
Welch	1	0	5	6	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1.80
Stewart	2	0	14½	12	7	5	5	1	1	0	1	0	.000	5	3.14
Eckersley	2	0	1½	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	.000	2	10.80
G. Davis	2	0	8	14	10	1	7	0	0	0	2	0	.000	10	11.25
Totals	5	0	43½	41	21	13	36	1	1	1	4	0	.200	19	3.92

COMPOSITE SCORE BY INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Game Winning RBI—Gibson, Stubbs, McGwire, Hatcher. E—Hamilton, Scioscia, Hubbard, Weiss, Griffin. DP—Oakland 2, Los Angeles 3. LOB—Oakland 34, Los Angeles 30. SB—Canseco, Sax, M. Davis 2, Weiss, Hubbard, Shelby, S—Griffin, Weiss. SF—Javier. HBP—Canseco by Belcher (Game 1), Sax by Stewart (Game 1). WP—Stewart, Hershisser, Balk—Stewart, Leary. PB—Steinbach, Scioscia. Umpires—Harvey (NL), Merrill (AL), Froemming (NL), Cousins (AL), Crawford (NL), McCoy (AL). Official Scorers—Jack Lang (New York Daily News), Dave Nightingale (The Sporting News), Vern Plagenhoef (Booth Newspapers). Time—Game 1, 3:04. Game 2, 2:30. Game 3, 3:21. Game 4, 3:05. Game 5, 2:51. Attendance—Game 1, 55,983. Game 2, 56,051. Game 3, 49,316. Game 4, 49,317. Game 5, 49,317.





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WORLD SERIES MVPs

1955	Johnny Podres, Brooklyn Dodgers
1956	Don Larsen, New York Yankees
1957	Lew Burdette, Milwaukee Braves
1958	Bob Turley, New York Yankees
1959	Larry Sherry, Los Angeles Dodgers
1960	Bobby Richardson, New York Yankees
1961	Whitey Ford, New York Yankees
1962	Ralph Terry, New York Yankees
1963	Sandy Koufax, Los Angeles Dodgers
1964	Bob Gibson, St. Louis Cardinals
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1966	Frank Robinson, Baltimore Orioles
1967	Bob Gibson, St. Louis Cardinals
1968	Mickey Lolich, Detroit Tigers
1969	Donn Clendenon, New York Mets
1970	Brooks Robinson, Baltimore Orioles
1971	Roberto Clemente, Pittsburgh Pirates
1972	Gene Tenace, Oakland A's
1973	Reggie Jackson, Oakland A's
1974	Rollie Fingers, Oakland A's
1975	Pete Rose, Cincinnati Reds
1976	Johnny Bench, Cincinnati Reds
1977	Reggie Jackson, New York Yankees
1978	Bucky Dent, New York Yankees
1979	Willie Stargell, Pittsburgh Pirates
1980	Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia Phillies
1981	Ron Cey, Pedro Guerrero, Steve Yeager Los Angeles Dodgers
1982	Darrell Porter, St. Louis Cardinals
1983	Rick Dempsey, Baltimore Orioles
1984	Alan Trammell, Detroit Tigers
1985	Bret Saberhagen, Kansas City Royals
1986	Ray Knight, New York Mets
1987	Frank Viola, Minnesota Twins
1988	Orel Hershiser, Los Angeles Dodgers

PAST WORLD SERIES

year	winner	loser
1903	Boston A, 5	Pittsburgh N, 3
1904	No Series	
1905	New York N, 4	Philadelphia A, 1
1906	Chicago A, 4	Chicago N, 2
1907	Chicago N, 4	Detroit A, 0; 1 tie
1908	Chicago N, 4	Detroit A, 1
1909	Pittsburgh N, 4	Detroit A, 3
1910	Philadelphia A, 4	Chicago N, 1
1911	Philadelphia A, 4	New York N, 2
1912	Boston A, 4	New York N, 3; 1 tie
1913	Philadelphia A, 4	New York N, 1
1914	Boston N, 4	Philadelphia A, 0
1915	Boston A, 4	Philadelphia N, 1
1916	Boston A, 4	Brooklyn N, 1

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1917	Chicago A, 4	New York N, 2
1918	Boston A, 4	Chicago N, 2
1919	Cincinnati N, 5	Chicago A, 3
1920	Cleveland A, 5	Brooklyn N, 2
1921	New York N, 5	New York A, 3
1922	New York N, 4	New York A, 0; 1 tie
1923	New York A, 4	New York N, 2
1924	Washington A, 4	New York N, 3
1925	Pittsburgh N, 4	Washington A, 3
1926	St. Louis N, 4	New York A, 3
1927	New York A, 4	Pittsburgh N, 0
1928	New York A, 4	St. Louis N, 0
1929	Philadelphia A, 4	Chicago N, 1
1930	Philadelphia A, 4	St. Louis N, 2
1931	St. Louis N, 4	Philadelphia A, 3
1932	New York A, 4	Chicago N, 0
1933	New York N, 4	Washington A, 1
1934	St. Louis N, 4	Detroit A, 3
1935	Detroit A, 4	Chicago N, 2
1936	New York A, 4	New York N, 2
1937	New York A, 4	New York N, 1
1938	New York A, 4	Chicago N, 0
1939	New York A, 4	Cincinnati N, 0
1940	Cincinnati N, 4	Detroit A, 3
1941	New York A, 4	Brooklyn N, 1
1942	St. Louis N, 4	New York A, 1
1943	New York A, 4	St. Louis N, 1
1944	St. Louis N, 4	St. Louis A, 2
1945	Detroit A, 4	Chicago N, 3
1946	St. Louis N, 4	Boston A, 3
1947	New York A, 4	Brooklyn N, 3
1948	Cleveland A, 4	Boston N, 2
1949	New York A, 4	Brooklyn N, 1
1950	New York A, 4	Philadelphia N, 0
1951	New York A, 4	New York N, 2
1952	New York A, 4	Brooklyn N, 3
1953	New York A, 4	Brooklyn N, 2
1954	New York N, 4	Cleveland A, 0
1955	Brooklyn N, 4	New York A, 3
1956	New York A, 4	Brooklyn N, 3
1957	Milwaukee N, 4	New York A, 3
1958	New York A, 4	Milwaukee N, 3
1959	Los Angeles N, 4	Chicago A, 2
1960	Pittsburgh N, 4	New York A, 3
1961	New York A, 4	Cincinnati N, 1
1962	New York A, 4	San Francisco N, 3
1963	Los Angeles N, 4	New York A, 0
1964	St. Louis N, 4	New York A, 3
1965	Los Angeles N, 4	Minnesota A, 3
1966	Baltimore A, 4	Los Angeles N, 0
1967	St. Louis N, 4	Boston A, 3
1968	Detroit A, 4	St. Louis N, 3
1969	New York N, 4	Baltimore A, 1
1970	Baltimore A, 4	Cincinnati N, 1
1971	Pittsburgh N, 4	Baltimore A, 3
1972	Oakland A, 4	Cincinnati N, 3
1973	Oakland A, 4	New York N, 3
1974	Oakland A, 4	Los Angeles N, 1
1975	Cincinnati N, 4	Boston A, 3
1976	Cincinnati N, 4	New York A, 0
1977	New York A, 4	Los Angeles N, 2
1978	New York A, 4	Los Angeles N, 2
1979	Pittsburgh N, 4	Baltimore A, 3
1980	Philadelphia N, 4	Kansas City A, 2
1981	Los Angeles N, 4	New York A, 2
1982	St. Louis N, 4	Milwaukee A, 3
1983	Baltimore A, 4	Philadelphia N, 1
1984	Detroit A, 4	San Diego N, 1
1985	Kansas City A, 4	St. Louis N, 3
1986	New York N, 4	Boston A, 3
1987	Minnesota A, 4	St. Louis N, 3
1988	Los Angeles N, 4	Oakland A, 1
Total	American 49	National 36

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TRAINERS: Bill Buhler, Charlie Strasser

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
49	Belcher, Tim	R	R	6-3	210	10/19/61 Sparta, OH	Mt. Gilead, OH	Los Angeles	12-6	2.91	36	27	4	4	179.2	143	51	152
52	Crews, Tim	R	R	6-0	192	4/3/61 Tampa, FL	Ocoee, FL	Albuquerque	1-1	2.70	10	0	0	3	13.1	13	2	7
51	Fischer, Jeff	R	R	6-3	180	8/17/63 W. Palm Beach, FL	W. Palm Beach, FL	Los Angeles	4-0	3.14	42	0	0	0	71.2	77	16	45
43	Hartley, Mike	R	R	6-1	192	8/31/61 Hawthorne, CA	El Cajon, CA	Indianapolis	13-8	2.69	28	26	3	0	177.0	162	32	110
55	Hershiser, Orel	R	R	6-3	192	9/16/58 Buffalo, NY	Pasadena, CA	San Antonio	5-1	0.80	30	0	0	9	45.0	25	18	57
29	Horton Ricky	L	L	6-2	195	7/30/59 Poughkeepsie, NY	St. Louis, MO	Albuquerque	2-2	4.35	18	0	0	3	20.2	22	12	16
50	Howell, Jay	R	R	6-3	205	11/26/55 Miami, FL	Parkland, FL	Los Angeles	23-8	2.26	35	34	15	1	267.0	208	73	178
47	Jones, Chris	R	R	6-1	195	12/17/63 Moundsville, WV	Glen Dale, WV	Chicago (AL)	6-10	4.86	52	9	1	2	109.1	120	36	28
54	Leary, Tim	R	R	6-3	208	12/23/58 Santa Monica, CA	Santa Monica, CA	Los Angeles	1-1	5.00	12	0	0	0	9.0	11	2	8
48	Martinez, Ramon	R	R	6-4	172	3/22/68 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Los Angeles	5-3	2.08	50	0	0	21	65.0	44	21	70
56	Munoz, Mike	L	L	6-2	190	7/12/65 Baldwin Park, CA	West Covina, CA	Knoxville	6-10	4.23	36	23	1	1	140.0	136	62	127
26	Pena, Alejandro	R	R	6-1	204	6/25/59 Puerto Plata, DR	Montebello, CA	Los Angeles	17-11	2.91	35	34	9	0	228.2	201	56	180
59	Searage, Ray	L	L	6-1	180	5/1/55 Freeport, NY	Deer Park, NY	Albuquerque	2-3	5.10	51	0	0	8	60.0	62	25	58
30	Tudor, John	L	L	6-0	185	2/2/54 Schenectady, NY	Peabody, MA	St. Louis	6-5	2.29	21	21	4	0	145.1	131	31	55
34	Valenzuela, Fernando	L	L	5-11	206	11/1/60 Navajopa, Sonora, Mex.	Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles	4-3	2.41	9	9	1	0	52.1	58	10	32
57	Wetteland, John	R	R	6-2	195	8/22/66 San Mateo, CA	San Francisco, CA	Los Angeles	5-8	4.24	23	22	3	1	142.1	142	76	64
17	Dempsey, Rick	R	R	6-0	185	9/13/49 Fayetteville, TN	Agoura, CA	San Antonio	10-8	3.88	25	25	3	0	162.1	141	77	140
41	Hernandez, Carlos	R	R	5-11	185	5/24/67 San Felix, Venezuela												
15	Reyes, Gilberto	R	R	6-2	199	12/10/63 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR											
14	Socias, Mike	L	R	6-2	223	11/27/58 Upper Darby, PA	Claremont, CA											
CATCHERS																		
10	Anderson, Dave	R	R	6-2	191	8/1/60 Louisville, KY	Lake Mary, FL	Los Angeles	249	116	285	31	71	10	2	2	20	4
25	Duncan, Mariano	S	S	6-0	190	3/13/63 S.P. de Macoris, DR	S.P. de Macoris, DR	Albuquerque	286	56	227	48	65	4	8	0	25	33
7	Griffin, Alfredo	S	R	5-11	165	3/6/57 Santo Domingo, DR	S.P. de Macoris, DR	Los Angeles	199	95	316	39	63	8	3	1	27	7
3	Hamilton, Jeff	R	R	6-3	214	3/19/64 Flint, MI	Flint, MI	Los Angeles	236	111	309	34	73	14	2	6	33	0
28	Hansen, Dave	L	R	6-0	180	11/24/68 Long Beach, CA	Rowland Heights, CA	Los Angeles	291	135	512	68	149	28	6	7	81	2
-9	Hatcher, Mickey	R	R	6-2	202	3/15/55 Cleveland, OH	Apache Junction, AZ	Los Angeles	293	87	191	22	56	8	0	1	25	0
33	Murray, Eddie	S	R	6-2	225	2/24/56 Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles, CA	Baltimore	284	161	603	75	171	27	2	28	84	5
20	Randolph, Willie	R	R	5-11	170	7/6/54 Holly Hill, SC	Upper Saddle River, NJ	New York (AL)	230	110	404	43	93	20	1	2	34	8
27	Sharperson, Mike	R	R	6-3	185	10/4/61 Orangeburg, SC	New Orleans, LA	Albuquerque	319	56	210	55	67	10	2	0	30	19
22	Stubbs, Franklin	L	L	6-2	218	10/21/60 Laurinburg, NC	Culver City, CA	Los Angeles	271	46	59	8	16	1	0	0	4	0
44	Vizcaino, Jose	S	R	6-1	150	3/26/68 San Cristobal, DR	San Cristobal, DR	Los Angeles	223	115	242	30	54	13	0	8	34	11
21	Woodson, Tracy	R	R	6-3	215	10/5/62 Richmond, VA	Raleigh, NC	Bakersfield	290	122	434	77	126	11	4	0	38	13
INFELDERS																		
37	Davis, Mike	L	L	6-3	185	6/11/59 San Diego, CA	San Ramon, CA	Los Angeles	196	108	281	29	55	11	2	2	17	7
40	Devereaux, Mike	R	R	6-0	195	4/10/63 Casper, WY	Casper, WY	Albuquerque	340	109	423	88	144	26	4	13	76	33
23	Gibson, Kirk	L	L	6-3	215	5/28/57 Pontiac, MI	Lapeer, MI	Los Angeles	290	150	542	106	157	28	1	25	76	31
38	Gonzalez, Jose	R	R	6-2	196	11/23/64 Puerto Plata, DR	Puerto Plata, DR	Albuquerque	306	84	288	57	88	15	2	5	22	44
45	Gwynn, Chris	L	L	6-0	200	10/13/64 Los Angeles, CA	Long Beach, CA	Los Angeles	299	112	411	57	123	22	10	5	61	1
5	Marshall, Mike	R	R	6-5	218	1/12/60 Libertyville, IL	Sherman Oaks, CA	Los Angeles	277	144	542	63	150	27	2	20	82	4
31	Shelby, John	S	R	6-1	177	2/23/58 Lexington, KY	Cockeysville, MD	Los Angeles	263	140	494	65	130	23	6	10	64	16
OUTFIELDERS																		
37	Davis, Mike	L	L	6-3	185	6/11/59 San Diego, CA	San Ramon, CA	Los Angeles	196	108	281	29	55	11	2	2	17	7
40	Devereaux, Mike	R	R	6-0	195	4/10/63 Casper, WY	Casper, WY	Albuquerque	340	109	423	88	144	26	4	13	76	33
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NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
56	Bones, Ricky	R	R	5-10	175	4/7/69 Salinas, PR	Guayama, PR	Riverside	15-6	3.64	25	25	5	0	175.1	162	64	129
51	Booker, Greg	R	R	6-6	245	6/22/60 Lynchburg, VA	San Diego, CA	San Diego	2-2	3.39	34	2	0	0	63.2	68	19	43
38	Clements, Pat	R	L	6-0	180	2/2/62 McCloud, CA	Chico, CA	Columbus	6-7	2.75	32	16	0	5	144.0	136	34	69
48	Davis, Mark	L	L	6-4	200	10/19/60 Livermore, CA	Scottsdale, AZ	New York (AL)	0-0	6.48	6	1	0	0	8.1	12	4	3
55	Grant, Mark	R	R	6-2	205	10/24/63 Aurora, IL	Encinitas, CA	San Diego	5-10	2.01	62	0	0	28	98.1	70	42	102
46	Harris, Greg	R	R	6-2	190	12/1/63 Greensboro, NC	Pittsboro, NC	Las Vegas	9-5	4.11	25	25	5	0	159.2	160	65	147
47	Hurst, Bruce	L	L	6-3	214	3/24/58 St. George, UT	San Diego, CA	San Diego	2-0	1.50	3	1	1	0	18.0	13	3	15
52	Leiper, Dave	L	L	6-1	160	6/18/62 Whittier, CA	Piano, TX	Boston	18-6	3.66	33	32	7	0	216.2	222	65	166
49	Maysey, Matt	R	R	6-4	210	1/8/67 Hamilton, Ont., CAN	Suisun City, CA	San Diego	3-0	2.17	35	0	0	1	54.0	45	14	33
37	Nofle, Eric	L	L	6-3	200	4/28/64 Canoga Park, CA	Hemet, CA	Wichita	9-9	3.71	28	28	4	0	187.0	180	68	120
43	Rasmussen, Dennis	L	L	6-7	225	4/18/59 Los Angeles, CA	Omaha, NE	Las Vegas	8-7	6.03	27	25	1	0	128.1	168	53	68
30	Show, Eric	R	R	6-1	190	5/19/56 Riverside, CA	San Diego, CA	Cincinnati	2-6	5.75	11	11	1	0	56.1	68	22	27
35	Terrell, Walt	L	R	6-2	205	5/11/58 Jeffersonville, IN	Grosse Point Park, MI	San Diego	14-4	2.55	20	20	6	0	148.1	131	36	85
31	Whitson, Ed	R	R	6-3	195	5/19/55 Johnson City, TN	Dublin, OH	San Diego	16-11	3.26	32	32	13	0	234.2	201	53	144
								San Diego	7-16	3.97	29	29	11	0	206.1	199	78	84
								San Diego	13-11	3.77	34	3	3	0	205.1	202	45	118
CATCHERS																		
17	Alomar Jr., Sandy	R	R	6-5	200	6/18/66 Salinas, PR	Salinas, PR	Las Vegas	297	93	337	59	100	9	5	16	71	1
27	Parent, Mark	R	R	6-5	224	9/16/61 Ashland, OR	Anderson, CA	San Diego	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Santiago, Benito	R	R	6-1	185	3/9/65 Ponce, PR	Isabel, PR	San Diego	.195	41	118	9	23	3	0	6	15	0
								San Diego	.248	139	492	49	122	2	2	10	46	15
INFIELDERS																		
12	Alomar, Roberto	S	R	6-0	155	2/5/68 Ponce, PR	Salinas, PR	Las Vegas	270	9	37	5	10	1	0	2	14	3
53	Baerga, Carlos	S	R	5-11	165	11/4/68 San Juan, PR	Caguas, PR	San Diego	266	143	545	84	145	24	6	9	41	24
18	Brunley, Mike	S	R	5-10	165	4/9/63 Oklahoma City, OK	Broken Arrow, OK	Wichita	273	122	444	67	121	28	1	12	65	4
25	Clark, Jack	R	R	6-3	205	11/10/55 New Brighton, PA	Danville, CA	Las Vegas	315	113	425	77	134	16	7	3	41	41
4	Cora, Joey	S	R	5-8	150	5/14/65 Caguas, PR	Caguas, PR	New York (AL)	242	150	496	81	120	14	0	27	93	3
11	Flannery, Tim	L	R	5-11	181	9/29/57 Tulsa, OK	Encinitas, CA	Las Vegas	296	127	460	73	136	15	3	3	55	31
7	Nelson, Rob	L	L	6-4	215	5/17/64 Pasadena, CA	South Pasadena, CA	Las Vegas	265	79	170	16	45	5	4	0	19	3
5	Ready, Randy	R	R	5-11	180	1/8/60 San Mateo, CA	Tucson, CA	Las Vegas	260	116	388	68	101	23	1	23	77	0
10	Roberts, Bp	S	R	5-7	160	10/27/63 Berkeley, CA	Oakland, CA	San Diego	190	7	21	4	4	0	0	1	3	0
1	Templeton, Garry	S	R	6-0	195	3/24/56 Lockey, TX	Poway, CA	San Diego	266	114	331	43	88	16	2	7	39	6
21	Thon, Dickie	R	R	5-11	178	6/20/58 South Bend, IN	Sugar Land, TX	Las Vegas	353	100	343	73	121	21	8	7	51	29
								San Diego	.333	5	9	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
								San Diego	.249	110	362	35	90	15	7	3	36	8
								San Diego	.264	95	258	36	68	12	2	1	18	19
OUTFIELDERS																		
28	Abner, Shawn	R	R	6-1	190	6/17/66 Hamilton, OH	Mechanicsburg, PA	Las Vegas	254	63	252	35	64	16	2	4	34	0
47	Byers, Randall	L	L	6-2	180	10/2/64 Bridgeton, NJ	Bridgeton, NJ	San Diego	181	37	83	6	15	3	0	2	5	0
24	Clark, Jerald	R	R	6-4	189	8/10/63 Crockett, TX	Crockett, TX	Las Vegas	267	100	360	52	96	24	4	6	55	4
19	Gwynn, Tony	L	L	5-11	199	5/9/60 Los Angeles, CA	Poway, CA	San Diego	200	11	10	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
33	Howard, Tom	S	R	6-0	198	12/11/64 Middletown, OH	Germanatown, OH	Las Vegas	301	107	408	65	123	27	7	9	67	6
8	Kruk, John	L	L	5-10	195	2/9/61 Charleston, WV	Burlington, WV	San Diego	200	6	15	0	3	1	0	0	3	0
23	Mack, Shane	R	R	6-0	185	12/7/63 Los Angeles, CA	Cerritos, CA	Las Vegas	313	133	521	64	163	22	5	7	70	26
14	Martinez, Carmelo	R	R	6-2	220	7/28/60 Dorado, PR	Dorado, PR	San Diego	251	44	167	29	42	9	1	0	15	3
16	Wynne, Marvell	L	L	5-11	185	12/17/59 Chicago, IL	San Diego, CA	Wichita	301	29	103	15	31	9	2	0	16	6
								Las Vegas	241	120	378	54	91	17	1	9	44	5
								San Diego	347	55	196	43	68	7	1	10	40	7
								San Diego	244	56	119	13	29	3	0	0	12	5
								San Diego	236	121	365	48	86	12	0	18	65	1
								San Diego	264	128	333	37	88	13	4	11	42	3

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

CANDLESTICK PARK

MANAGER: Roger Craig (38)

COACHES: Dusty Baker (12), Bill Fahey (42) Wendell Kim (), Bob Lillis (5), Norm Sherry (34)

TRAINERS: Mark Letendre, Gregg Lynn

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
	Best, Karl	R	R	6-4	210	3/6/59 Aberdeen, WA	Kirkland, WA	Portland Phoenix	0-2 0-1	3.21 9.00	31 8	0 0	0 0	0 1	33.2 8.0	26 10	12 5	26
41	Burkett, John	R	R	6-2	180	11/28/64 New Brighton, PA	Beaver, PA	Phoenix	5-11	5.21	21	21	0	0	114.0	142	49	74
		R	R					Shreveport	5-1	2.13	7	7	2	0	50.2	33	18	34
36	Cook, Dennis	L	L	6-3	185	10/4/62 Lamarque, TX	Dickinson, TX	Phoenix	11-9	3.88	26	25	5	0	141.1	138	51	110
		R	R					San Francisco	2-1	2.86	4	4	1	0	22.0	9	11	13
37	Downs, Kelly	R	R	6-4	200	10/25/60 Ogden, UT	Centerville, UT	San Francisco	13-9	3.32	27	26	6	0	168.0	140	47	118
43	Dravecky, Dave	R	L	6-1	200	2/14/56 Youngstown, OH	Boardman, OH	San Francisco	2-2	3.16	7	7	1	0	37.0	33	8	19
50	Garrels, Scott	R	R	6-4	205	10/30/61 Urbana, IL	Shreveport, LA	San Francisco	5-9	3.58	65	0	0	13	98.0	80	46	86
14	Hammaker, Altee	S	L	6-2	200	1/24/58 Carmel, CA	Foster City, CA	San Francisco	9-9	3.73	43	17	3	5	144.2	136	41	65
39	Krukow, Mike	R	R	6-4	205	1/21/52 Long Beach, CA	Pasadena, CA	San Francisco	7-4	3.54	20	20	1	0	124.2	111	31	75
33	Krukow, Mike	R	R	6-4	200	5/30/56 Glendale, CA	Visalia, CA	San Francisco	7-7	3.62	19	19	1	0	114.1	99	47	70
29	LaCoss, Mike	R	R	6-4	200	9/29/57 Munich, W. Germany	Escondido, CA	San Francisco	3-8	2.92	64	0	0	11	92.1	74	23	58
32	Lefferts, Craig	L	L	6-1	210	2/8/66 San Mateo, CA	Napa, CA	Shreveport	10-12	4.04	27	27	4	0	167.0	146	62	128
332	McClellan, Paul	R	R	6-2	180	2/8/66 San Mateo, CA	Napa, CA	Shreveport	10-12	4.04	27	27	4	0	167.0	146	62	128
45	Mulholland, Terry	R	L	6-3	200	3/9/63 Uniontown, PA	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix	7-3	3.58	19	14	3	0	100.2	116	44	57
		R	L					San Francisco	2-1	3.72	9	6	2	0	46.0	50	7	18
47	Price, Joe	R	L	6-4	215	11/29/56 Inglewood, CA	Poway, CA	San Francisco	1-6	3.94	38	3	0	4	61.2	59	27	49
48	Reuschel, Rick	R	R	6-3	240	5/16/49 Quincy, IL	Mt. Prospect, IL	San Francisco	19-11	3.12	36	36	7	0	245.0	242	42	92
	Robertson, Doug	S	R	6-1	185	4/15/63 Upland, CA	Upland, CA	San Jose	7-5	1.26	57	0	0	23	78.1	63	30	103
40	Robinson, Don	R	R	6-4	235	6/8/57 Ashland, KY	Bradenton, FL	San Francisco	10-5	2.45	51	19	3	6	176.2	152	49	122
58	Samuels, Roger	L	L	6-5	210	1/3/61 San Jose, CA	San Jose, CA	Phoenix	3-2	2.63	30	0	0	0	84.0	34	15	33
		R	L					San Francisco	1-2	3.47	15	0	0	0	23.1	17	7	22
	Swan, Russ	L	L	6-4	210	1/3/64 Fremont, CA	Kennewick, WA	San Jose	7-0	2.23	11	11	2	0	76.2	53	26	62
	Tate, Stu	R	R	6-3	205	6/17/62 Huntsville, AL	Auburn, AL	Shreveport	3-2	2.03	24	1	0	7	40.0	27	18	45
		R	R					Phoenix	2-4	5.89	27	3	0	2	47.1	50	30	45
CATCHERS																		
17	Manwaring, Kirt	R	R	5-11	185	7/15/65 Elmira, NY	Horsehead, NY	Phoenix	282	81	273	29	77	12	2	2	35	3
		R	R					San Francisco	250	40	116	12	29	7	0	1	15	0
7	Melvin, Bob	R	R	6-4	205	10/28/61 Palo Alto, CA	Redwood City, CA	San Francisco	234	92	273	23	64	13	1	8	27	0
		R	R					Phoenix	307	21	75	11	23	5	0	2	9	0
	Pena, Jose	R	R	6-0	190	4/24/65 Bonoa, DR	Brooklyn, NY	Shreveport	245	98	314	29	77	19	1	4	36	2
	Tejada, Will	R	R	6-0	185	11/12/62 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Indianapolis	233	59	172	16	40	11	1	1	19	1
		R	R					Montreal	267	8	15	1	4	2	0	0	2	0
INFELDERS																		
22	Clark, Will	L	L	6-1	190	3/13/64 New Orleans, LA	New Orleans, LA	San Francisco	282	162	575	102	162	31	6	29	109	9
53	Hayes, Charlie	R	R	6-0	190	5/29/65 Hattiesburg, MS	Brooklyn, MS	Phoenix	307	131	492	71	151	26	4	7	71	4
		R	R					San Francisco	091	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Melendez, Francisco	L	L	6-0	185	1/25/64 Rio Piedras, PR	Juana Diaz, PR	Phoenix	361	96	368	61	133	26	2	4	58	5
	Perezchica, Tony	R	R	5-11	175	4/20/66 Mexicali, Mexico	Palm Springs, CA	San Francisco	192	23	26	1	5	0	0	0	3	0
		R	R					Phoenix	306	134	517	79	158	18	10	9	64	10
1	Riles, Ernest	L	R	6-1	180	10/2/60 Bainbridge, GA	Whigham, GA	San Francisco	125	7	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
		L	R					Milwaukee	252	41	127	7	32	6	1	1	9	2
	Santana, Andres	S	R	5-11	165	3/19/68 S.P. de Macoris, DR	S.P. de Macoris, DR	San Francisco	294	79	187	26	55	7	2	3	28	1
		R	R					Clinton	280	118	450	77	126	4	1	0	24	88
		R	R					Shreveport	167	11	36	3	6	0	0	0	3	3
35	Speier, Chris	R	R	6-1	180	6/28/50 Alameda, CA	Scottsdale, AZ	San Francisco	216	82	171	26	37	9	1	3	18	3
6	Thompson, Robby	R	R	5-11	170	5/10/62 West Palm Beach, FL	West Palm Beach, FL	San Francisco	264	138	477	66	126	24	6	7	48	14
23	Urbe, Jose	S	R	5-10	165	1/21/60 San Cristobal, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	San Francisco	252	141	493	47	124	10	7	3	35	14
10	Williams, Matt	R	R	6-2	205	11/28/65 Bishop, CA	Carson City, NV	Phoenix	271	82	306	45	83	19	1	12	51	6
		R	R					San Francisco	205	156	52	17	32	6	1	8	19	0
OUTFIELDERS																		
2	Butler, Brett	L	L	5-10	160	6/15/57 Los Angeles, CA	Duluth, GA	San Francisco	287	157	568	109	163	27	9	6	43	43
21	Maldonado, Candy	R	R	6-0	195	9/5/60 Humacao, PR	Arecibo, PR	San Francisco	255	142	499	53	127	23	1	12	68	6
30	Mitchell, Kevin	R	R	5-11	210	1/13/62 San Diego, CA	San Diego, CA	San Francisco	251	148	505	60	127	25	7	19	80	5
	Nixon, Donell	R	R	6-1	185	12/31/61 Evergreen, NC	Evergreen, NC	Calgary	281	40	160	28	45	7	0	3	10	12
		R	R					San Francisco	346	59	78	15	27	3	0	0	6	12
	Jones, Tracy	R	R	6-3	220	3/31/61 Hawthorne, CA	Hawthorne, CA	Cin.-Mont.	295	90	224	29	66	6	1	3	24	18

HOUSTON ASTROS

ASTRODOME

MANAGER: Art Howe (18)

COACHES: Yogi Berra (8), Matt Galante (48), Phil Garner (3), Les Moss (55)

TRAINER: Dave Labossiere

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
49	Agosto, Juan	L	L	6-2	190	2/23/58 Rio Piedras, PR	Sarasota, FL	Houston	10-2	2.26	75	0	0	4	91.2	74	30	33
42	Andersen, Larry	R	R	6-3	205	5/6/53 Portland, OR	Redmond, WA	Houston	2-4	2.94	53	0	0	5	82.2	82	20	66
	August, Sam	R	R	6-2	170	11/24/67 Huntington Beach, CA	Huntington Beach, CA	Osceola	2-0	1.50	5	5	0	0	30.0	20	10	28
50	Childress, Rocky	R	R	6-2	195	2/18/62 Santa Rosa, CA	Tucson, AZ	Houston	1-0	6.17	11	0	0	0	23.1	26	9	24
	Clancy, Jim	R	R	6-4	220	12/18/55 Chicago, IL	Chicago, IL	Toronto	6-4	3.33	43	6	0	2	97.1	102	41	57
	Costello, Fred	R	R	6-4	190	10/1/66 Clearlake, CA	San Bruno, CA	Asheville	11-13	4.49	36	31	4	1	196.1	207	47	118
44	Darwin, Danny	R	R	6-3	190	10/25/55 Bonham, TX	Valley View, TX	Houston	8-13	3.55	51	0	0	11	76.0	75	28	64
43	Deshaies, Jim	L	L	6-4	220	6/23/60 Massena, NY	Richmond, TX	Houston	11-14	3.00	31	31	3	0	207.0	164	72	127
	Forsch, Bob	R	R	6-3	215	1/13/50 Sacramento, CA	St. Louis, MO	St. L.-Hou.	10-8	4.29	36	18	1	0	136.1	153	44	54
31	Heathcock, Jeff	R	R	6-4	195	11/18/59 Covina, CA	El Toro, CA	Houston	0-5	5.81	17	1	0	0	31.0	33	16	12
	Isley, Blaise	L	L	6-1	185	4/9/64 Alpena, MI	Terre Haute, IN	Tucson	3-5	5.08	16	13	1	0	79.2	88	19	49
37	Kerfeld, Charley	R	R	6-7	250	9/28/63 Knob Noster, MO	Houston, TX	Columbus	3-1	5.95	8	8	0	0	39.1	49	21	38
39	Knepper, Bob	L	L	6-2	210	5/25/54 Akron, OH	Roseburg, OR	Houston	2-7	4.50	13	12	1	0	64.0	63	21	63
53	Meads, Dave	L	L	6-0	175	1/7/64 Montclair, NJ	Houston, TX	Houston	14-5	3.14	27	27	3	0	175.0	156	67	103
	Meyer, Brian	R	R	6-1	190	1/29/63 Camden, NJ	Medford, NJ	Columbus	3-4	1.96	32	0	0	3	46.0	45	10	48
	Rhoden, Rick	R	R	6-4	203	5/16/53 Boynton Beach, FL	Woodlawn Hills, CA	Houston	4-3	2.27	62	0	0	25	83.1	60	38	68
33	Scott, Mike	R	R	6-3	215	4/26/55 Santa Monica, CA	Laguna Niguel, CA	Houston	0-0	1.46	8	0	0	0	12.1	9	4	10
45	Smith, Dave	R	R	6-1	195	1/21/55 San Francisco, CA	Oliverhain, CA	Houston	12-12	4.29	30	30	5	0	197.0	206	56	94
	Asby, Alan	S	R	6-2	195	7/8/51 Long Beach, CA	Sugar Land, TX	Tucson	14-8	2.92	32	32	8	0	218.2	162	53	190
4	Biggio, Craig	R	R	5-11	180	12/14/65 Smithtown, NY	Nashua, NH	Tucson	4-5	2.67	51	0	0	27	57.1	60	19	38
	Eusebio, Raul	R	R	6-2	179	4/27/67 S. J. de Los Llamas, DR	Boca Chica, DR	Osceola	245	118	392	45	96	6	3	0	40	19
	Trevino, Alex	R	R	5-11	181	8/26/57 Monterrey, MX	Beachhurst Shores, NY	Houston	249	78	193	19	48	17	0	2	13	5
	Caminiti, Ken	S	R	6-0	200	4/21/63 Hanford, CA	San Jose, CA	Tucson	272	109	416	54	113	24	7	5	66	13
27	Davis, Glenn	R	R	6-3	210	3/28/61 Jacksonville, FL	Columbus, GA	Houston	181	30	83	5	15	2	0	1	7	0
19	Doran, Bill	S	R	6-0	175	5/28/58 Cincinnati, OH	Richmond, TX	Houston	271	152	561	78	152	26	0	30	99	4
23	Jackson, Chuck	R	R	6-0	185	3/19/63 Seattle, WA	Seattle, WA	Houston	248	132	480	66	119	18	1	7	53	17
16	Ramirez, Rafael	R	R	5-11	190	2/18/59 S.P. de Macoris, DR	S.P. de Macoris, DR	Houston	298	48	151	21	45	8	0	2	11	6
12	Reynolds, Craig	L	R	6-1	175	12/27/52 Houston, TX	Houston, TX	Houston	229	45	83	7	19	5	1	1	8	1
	Anthony, Eric	L	L	6-2	195	11/8/67 San Diego, CA	Houston, TX	Asheville	276	155	566	51	156	30	5	6	59	3
17	Bass, Kevin	S	R	6-0	180	5/12/59 Redwood City, CA	Sugar Land, TX	Houston	255	78	161	20	41	7	0	1	14	3
28	Hatcher, Billy	R	R	5-9	175	10/4/60 Williams, AZ	Houston, TX	Houston	273	115	439	73	120	37	1	29	89	10
26	Meadows, Louie	L	L	5-11	190	4/29/61 Onslow County, NC	Columbus, GA	Houston	255	157	541	57	138	27	2	14	72	31
21	Puhl, Terry	L	R	6-2	200	7/8/56 Melville, Sask., Can.	Missouri City, TX	Houston	268	145	530	79	142	25	4	7	52	32
	Rhodes, Karl	L	L	5-11	170	8/21/68 Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati, OH	Osceola	254	85	280	42	71	16	9	5	43	20
2	Young, Gerald	S	R	6-2	185	10/22/64 Tela, Honduras	Santa Ana, CA	Houston	190	35	42	5	8	0	1	2	3	4
								Houston	303	113	234	42	71	7	2	3	19	22
								Houston	283	132	452	69	128	4	2	1	34	64
								Houston	257	149	578	79	148	21	9	0	37	65

CATCHERS

INFELDERS

OUTFIELDERS

ATLANTA BRAVES ATLANTA-FULTON COUNTY STADIUM

MANAGER: Russ Nixon (2)

COACHES: Bruce Dal Canton (39), Clarence Jones (54), Roy Majtyka (11), Brian Snitker (55), Bobby Wine (7)

TRAINERS: Dave Pursley, Jeff Porter

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
40	Alvarez, Jose	R	R	5-11	175	4/12/56 Tampa, FL	Piedmont, SC	Richmond	2-1	1.26	10	0	0	3	14.1	13	6	10
30	Assenmacher, Paul	L	L	6-3	200	12/10/60 Detroit, MI	Acworth, GA	Atlanta	5-6	2.99	60	0	0	3	102.1	88	53	81
37	Boever, Joe	R	R	6-1	200	10/4/60 St. Louis, MO	Largo, FL	Richmond	6-3	2.14	48	0	0	0	22	71.1	47	22
48	Eave, Gary	R	R	6-4	190	7/22/63 Monroe, LA	Bastrop, LA	Richmond	0-2	1.77	16	0	0	1	20.1	12	1	7
47	Glavine, Tom	L	L	6-0	175	3/25/66 Concord, MA	Billerica, MA	Atlanta	7-17	4.56	34	34	1	0	195.1	201	63	84
33	Greene, Tommy	R	R	6-5	225	4/6/67 Lumberton, NC	Brunswick, NC	Richmond	7-17	4.77	29	29	4	0	177.1	169	70	130
50	Mercker, Kent	L	L	6-1	175	2/1/68 Dublin, OH	Dublin, OH	Durham	11-4	2.68	19	19	5	0	127.2	102	47	159
82	Miller, Dave	R	R	6-3	200	10/17/64 Jacksonville, FL	Cantonment, FL	Greenville	3-1	3.35	9	9	0	0	48.1	36	26	60
59	Nezelek, Andy	L	R	6-6	218	10/24/65 Endicott, NY	Endicott, NY	Richmond	5-4	2.50	10	10	3	0	72.0	59	19	50
45	Puleo, Charlie	R	R	6-3	200	2/7/55 Glen Ridge, NJ	Knoxville, TN	Greenville	7-8	4.38	26	25	3	0	133.2	133	45	89
52	Richards, Rusty	L	R	6-4	200	1/27/65 Houston, TX	Houston, TX	Atlanta	5-5	3.47	53	3	0	1	106.1	101	47	70
46	Rivera, Bienvenido	R	R	6-6	210	1/11/69 S.P. De Macoris, DR	S.P. De Macoris, DR	Greenville	10-7	2.63	28	20	3	0	147.0	125	42	96
25	Smith, Pete	R	R	6-2	183	2/27/66 Abington, MA	Burlington, MA	Sumter	9-11	3.22	27	27	3	0	173.1	167	52	99
34	Smith, Zane	L	L	6-2	195	12/28/60 Madison, WI	Stone Mountain, GA	Atlanta	7-15	3.69	32	32	5	0	195.1	183	88	124
29	Smoltz, John	R	R	6-3	185	5/15/67 Detroit, MI	Lansing, MI	Atlanta	10-5	2.79	20	20	3	0	135.1	118	37	115
43	Sloker, Mike	R	R	6-3	195	11/11/66 Las Vegas, NV	Las Vegas, NV	Atlanta	2-7	5.48	12	12	0	0	64.0	74	33	37
42	Sulter, Bruce	R	R	6-2	195	1/8/53 Lancaster, PA	Kennesaw, GA	Durham	8-6	3.92	26	26	4	0	147.0	113	101	111
61	Weems, Danny	R	R	6-3	175	8/26/66 Greenville, TN	Greenville, TN	Atlanta	1-4	4.76	38	0	0	14	45.1	49	11	40
								Durham	13-8	3.29	31	27	4	1	191.1	168	74	98
CATCHERS																		
20	Benedict, Bruce	R	R	6-2	195	8/18/55 Birmingham, AL	Dunwoody, GA	Atlanta	242	90	236	11	57	7	0	0	19	0
8	Davis, Jody	R	R	6-3	210	11/12/56 Gainesville, GA	Gainesville, GA	Chicago (N.L.)	229	88	249	19	57	9	0	6	33	0
56	Deak, Brian	R	R	6-0	183	10/25/67 Harrisburgh, PA	Scottsdale, AZ	Atlanta	250	2	8	2	2	0	0	1	3	0
23	Stark, Matthew	R	R	6-4	225	1/21/65 Whittier, CA	Hacienda Heights, CA	Burlington	246	119	345	58	85	19	1	20	59	3
								Knoxville	266	97	334	37	89	17	1	11	54	1
INFELDERS																		
4	Blauser, Jeff	R	R	6-0	170	11/8/65 Los Gatos, CA	Sacramento, CA	Richmond	284	69	271	40	77	19	1	5	23	6
9	Denson, Andrew	R	R	6-5	210	11/16/65 Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati, OH	Atlanta	239	18	67	7	16	3	1	2	7	0
5	Gant, Ron	R	R	6-0	172	3/2/65 Victoria, TX	Victoria, TX	Greenville	268	140	507	85	136	26	4	13	78	11
17	Lenke, Mark	S	R	5-9	167	8/13/65 Ulica, NY	Whitesboro, NY	Richmond	311	12	45	3	14	2	2	0	4	1
28	Perry, Gerald	L	R	6-0	190	10/30/60 Savannah, GA	Smyrna, GA	Atlanta	259	146	563	85	146	28	8	19	60	19
12	Runge, Paul	R	R	6-0	175	5/21/58 Kingston, NY	Smyrna, GA	Greenville	270	143	567	81	153	29	4	16	80	18
14	Thomas, Andres	R	R	6-1	185	11/10/63 Boca Chica, DR	Boca Chica, DR	Atlanta	224	16	58	8	13	4	0	0	2	0
15	Whited, Ed	R	R	6-3	195	2/9/64 Bristol, PA	Cranberry, NJ	Atlanta	300	141	547	61	164	29	1	8	74	29
								Atlanta	211	52	76	11	16	5	0	0	7	0
								Atlanta	252	153	606	54	153	22	2	13	68	7
								Greenville	252	132	428	81	108	11	4	16	62	18
OUTFIELDERS																		
18	Berroa, Geronimo	R	R	6-0	195	3/18/65 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Syracuse	260	131	470	55	122	29	1	8	64	7
19	Blocker, Terry	L	L	6-2	195	8/18/60 Columbia, SC	Memphis, TN	Atlanta	212	66	198	13	42	4	2	2	10	1
16	Gregg, Tommy	L	L	6-1	190	7/29/63 Boone, NC	Winston-Salem, NC	Richmond	226	69	266	34	60	3	1	2	9	12
1	Hall, Albert	S	R	5-11	158	3/7/59 Birmingham, AL	Fairfield, AL	Pittsburgh	200	14	15	4	3	1	0	1	3	0
64	Hood, Dennis	R	R	6-2	170	7/3/66 Glendell, CA	Altadena, CA	Atlanta	345	11	29	1	10	3	0	0	4	0
10	James, Dion	L	L	6-1	170	11/9/62 Philadelphia, PA	Sacramento, CA	Atlanta	247	85	231	27	57	7	1	1	15	15
57	Jones, Barry	L	R	6-2	197	2/14/65 Jackson, AL	Walker Springs, AL	Greenville	257	141	525	85	135	15	8	14	47	30
63	Justice, David	L	L	6-3	195	4/14/66 Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati, OH	Atlanta	256	132	386	46	99	17	5	3	30	9
3	Murphy, Dale	R	R	6-4	215	3/12/56 Portland, OR	Roswell, GA	Richmond	284	101	384	56	109	18	8	16	55	11
6	Smith, Lonnie	R	R	5-9	170	12/22/55 Chicago, IL	Spartanburg, SC	Greenville	278	35	126	12	35	7	0	3	10	4
								Richmond	278	58	198	34	55	13	1	9	37	6
								Greenville	203	70	227	27	46	9	1	8	28	4
								Richmond	226	156	592	77	134	35	4	24	77	3
								Atlanta	300	93	290	58	87	13	5	9	51	26
								Richmond	237	43	114	14	27	3	0	3	9	4

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NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> I WANT TO PLAY. I don't have enough people to form a "face-to-face" league and want F.L.B. to put me into an existing "Computer" League. I have enclosed the non-refundable \$25 team deposit. Rush me all the information needed to get started.
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NEW YORK METS

SHEA STADIUM

MANAGER: Davey Johnson (5)

COACHES: Bud Harrelson (3), Greg Pavlick (52), Sam Perlozzo (34), Bill Robinson (28), Mel Stottlemyre (30)

TRAINER: Steve Garland

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
15	Aguilera, Rick	R	R	6-5	200	12/31/61 San Gabriel, CA	W. Covina, CA	St. Lucie	0-0	1.29	2	2	0	0	7.0	8	1	5
64	Beatty, Blaine	L	L	6-2	185	4/25/64 Victoria, TX	Victoria, TX	Mets	0-4	6.93	11	3	0	0	24.2	29	10	16
55	Bross, Terry	R	R	6-9	234	3/30/66 El Paso, TX	Bridgewater, NJ	Jackson	16-8	2.46	30	28	12	0	208.2	191	34	103
62	Brown, Kevin	L	L	6-1	185	3/5/66 Oroville, CA	Broderick, CA	Little Falls	2-1	3.09	20	6	0	1	55.1	43	38	59
44	Cone, David	L	R	6-1	185	1/2/63 Kansas City, MO	Kansas City, MO	St. Lucie	1-7	1.81	20	20	5	0	32.2	24	11	24
12	Darling, Ron	R	R	6-3	195	8/19/60 Honolulu, HI	New York, NY	Mets	20-3	2.22	35	28	8	0	231.1	178	80	213
63	Drummond, Tim	R	R	6-3	170	12/24/64 La Plata, MD	Waldorf, MD	Tidewater	17-9	3.25	34	34	7	0	240.2	218	60	161
50	Fernandez, Sid	L	L	6-1	230	10/12/62 Honolulu, HI	Honolulu, HI	Mets	6-3	3.28	38	2	1	3	82.1	71	28	62
36	Givens, Brian	R	L	6-5	220	11/6/65 Lompoc, CA	Aurora, CO	Mets	12-10	3.03	31	31	1	0	187.0	127	70	189
16	Gooden, Dwight	R	R	6-3	203	11/16/64 Tampa, FL	St. Pete, FL	Jackson	6-14	3.78	26	26	4	0	164.1	140	68	156
26	Leach, Terry	R	R	6-0	191	3/13/54 Selma, AL	Seminole, FL	Mets	18-9	3.19	34	34	10	0	248.1	242	57	175
43	Mitchell, John	R	R	6-2	195	8/11/65 Dickson, TN	Nashville, TN	Tidewater	7-2	2.54	52	0	0	3	92.0	95	24	51
48	Myers, Randy	L	L	6-1	208	9/19/62 Vancouver, WA	Vancouver, WA	Mets	10-9	2.84	27	27	7	0	190.0	164	45	65
42	McDowell, Roger	R	R	6-1	185	12/21/60 Cincinnati, OH	Stuart, FL	Mets	7-3	1.72	55	0	0	26	68.0	45	17	69
45	Nunez, Edwin	R	R	6-5	240	5/27/63 Humacao, PR	Tempe, AZ	Mets	5-5	2.63	62	0	0	16	89.0	80	31	46
19	Ojeda, Bob	L	L	6-1	195	12/17/57 Los Angeles, CA	Visalia, CA	Mets	1-0	4.50	10	0	0	0	14.0	21	3	8
23	Savage, Jack	R	R	6-0	185	4/22/64 Louisville, KY	Jeffersonville, IN	Tidewater	10-13	2.88	29	29	5	0	190.1	158	33	133
65	Tapani, Kevin	R	R	6-0	180	2/18/64 Des Moines, IA	Rothschild, WI	St. Lucie	5-8	3.16	43	9	1	13	88.1	67	37	46
46	West, Dave	L	L	6-6	220	9/1/64 Memphis, TN	Memphis, TN	Jackson	1-0	1.42	3	3	0	0	19.0	17	4	11
47	Whitehurst, Wally	R	R	6-3	180	4/11/64 Shreveport, LA	Shreveport, LA	Tidewater	5-1	2.74	24	5	0	3	62.1	45	19	35
								Mets	12-4	1.80	23	23	7	0	160.1	106	97	143
								Mets	1-0	3.00	2	1	0	0	6.0	6	3	3
								Tidewater	10-11	3.05	26	26	3	0	165.0	145	32	113
CATCHERS																		
8	Carter, Gary	R	R	6-2	214	4/8/54 Culver City, CA	Pim. Bch. Gdns, FL	Mets	.242	130	455	39	110	16	2	11	46	0
39	Lombardi, Phil	R	R	6-2	205	2/20/63 Abilene, TX	Granada Hills, CA	Tidewater	.308	85	292	49	90	14	0	9	44	2
33	Lyons, Barry	R	R	6-1	202	6/30/60 Bloxi, MS	Bloxi, MS	Mets	.231	50	91	5	21	7	1	0	11	0
2	Sasser, Mackey	L	R	6-1	210	8/3/62 Ft. Gaines, GA	Andalusia, AL	Mets	.285	60	123	9	35	10	1	1	17	0
INFIELDERS																		
21	Elster, Kevin	R	R	6-2	195	8/3/64 San Pedro, CA	Huntington Bch, CA	Mets	.214	149	406	41	87	11	1	9	37	2
17	Hernandez, Keith	L	L	6-0	205	10/20/53 San Francisco, CA	New York, NY	Mets	.276	95	348	43	96	16	0	11	55	2
9	Jeffries, Gregg	S	R	5-10	175	8/1/67 Burlingame, CA	Millbrae, CA	Tidewater	.282	132	504	62	142	28	4	7	61	32
20	Johnson, Howard	S	R	5-10	195	11/29/60 Clearwater, FL	Woodbury, NY	Mets	.321	29	109	19	35	8	2	6	17	5
29	Magadan, Dave	L	R	6-3	195	9/30/62 Tampa, FL	Tampa, FL	Mets	.230	148	495	85	114	21	1	24	68	23
25	Miller, Keith	R	R	5-11	180	6/12/63 Midland, MI	Bay City, MI	Tidewater	.277	112	314	39	87	15	0	1	35	0
35	Shipley, Craig	S	R	6-0	170	1/7/63 S. Wales, AUS.	Lake Park, FL	Mets	.281	42	171	23	48	11	1	1	15	8
11	Teutel, Tim	R	R	6-0	174	7/7/58 Greenwich, CT	Greenwich, CT	Jackson	.214	40	70	9	15	1	1	1	5	0
								Mets	.263	89	335	41	88	14	3	6	41	6
								Tidewater	.272	40	151	12	41	5	0	1	13	0
								Mets	.234	90	273	35	64	20	0	4	31	0
OUTFIELDERS																		
32	Carreon, Mark	R	L	6-0	194	7/19/63 Chicago, IL	Tucson, AZ	Tidewater	.263	102	365	48	96	13	3	14	55	11
4	Dykstra, Lenny	L	L	5-10	170	2/10/63 Santa Ana, CA	Jackson, MS	Mets	.556	7	9	5	5	2	0	1	1	0
13	Mazzilli, Lee	S	R	6-1	195	3/25/55 New York, NY	Greenwich, CT	Mets	.270	126	429	57	116	19	3	8	33	30
22	McReynolds, Kevin	R	R	6-1	215	10/16/59 Little Rock, AR	N. Little Rock, AR	Mets	.147	68	116	9	17	2	0	0	12	4
47	Reed, Darren	R	R	6-1	190	10/16/65 Ventura, CA	Ventura, CA	Mets	.288	147	552	82	159	30	2	27	99	21
18	Strawberry, Darryl	L	L	6-6	195	3/12/62 Los Angeles, CA	North Hills, NY	Tidewater	.241	101	345	31	83	26	0	9	47	0
1	Wilson, Mookie	S	R	5-10	174	2/9/56 Bamberg, SC	Eastover, SC	Mets	.269	153	543	101	146	27	3	39	101	29
								Mets	.296	112	378	61	112	17	5	8	41	15

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

THREE RIVERS STADIUM

MANAGER: Jim Leyland (10)

COACHES: Rich Donnelly (45), Bruce Kim (##), Gene Lamont (32), Milt May (39), Ray Miller (31), Tommy Sandt (37)

TRAINERS: Kent Biggerstaff, Dave Tumbas

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	BORN & BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
15	Belinda, Stan	R	R	6-3	187	8/6/66 State College, PA	State College, PA	Salem	6-4	2.76	53	0	0	14	71.2	54	32	63
41	Drabek, Doug	R	R	6-1	185	7/25/62 Victoria, TX	Victoria, TX	Pittsburgh	15-7	3.08	33	32	3	0	219.1	194	50	127
54	Dunne, Mike	R	R	6-4	200	10/27/62 South Bend, IN	Bartonville, IL	Pittsburgh	7-11	3.92	30	28	1	0	170.0	163	88	70
	Fisher, Brian	R	R	6-4	210	3/18/62 Honolulu, HI	Aurora, CO	Pittsburgh	8-10	3.22	41	33	22	1	146.1	157	57	66
	Gideon, Brett	R	R	6-2	195	8/8/63 Orono, TX	Georgetown, TX	Buffalo	1-6	3.64	24	0	0	9	42.0	33	19	41
35	Gott, Jim	R	R	6-4	220	8/3/59 Hollywood, CA	Provo, UT	Harrisburg	3-2	1.36	25	0	0	6	39.2	27	21	30
16	Kipper, Bob	R	L	6-2	175	7/8/64 Aurora, IL	Aurora, IL	Pittsburgh	6-6	3.49	67	0	0	34	77.1	68	22	76
60	Kramer, Randy	R	R	6-2	180	9/20/60 Palo Alto, CA	Oakley, CA	Pittsburgh	2-6	3.74	50	0	0	0	65.0	54	26	39
42	Krueger, Bill	L	L	6-5	210	4/24/58 Waukegan, IL	Pleasanton, CA	Buffalo	10-8	3.13	28	28	6	0	198.1	161	50	120
59	Madden, Morris	L	L	6-0	165	8/31/60 Laurens, SC	Laurens, SC	Pittsburgh	1-2	5.40	5	1	0	0	10.0	12	1	7
49	Robinson, Jeff	R	R	6-4	200	12/13/60 Santa Ana, CA	Wexford, PA	Albuquerque	15-5	3.01	27	26	7	0	173.1	167	69	114
57	Smiley, John	L	L	6-4	195	3/17/65 Phoenixville, PA	Trappe, PA	Los Angeles	0-0	11.57	1	1	0	0	2.1	4	2	1
	Smith, Willie	R	R	6-5	226	1/27/67 Savannah, GA	Savannah, GA	Buffalo	5-6	3.48	21	14	1	1	108.2	84	65	56
17	Walk, Bob	R	R	6-4	217	11/26/56 Van Nuys, CA	Frazier Park, CA	Pittsburgh	0-0	0.00	5	0	0	0	5.2	5	7	3
	Walker, Mike	R	R	6-3	205	6/23/65 Houston, TX	Bellaire, TX	Pittsburgh	11-5	3.03	75	0	0	9	124.2	113	39	87
								Pittsburgh	13-11	3.25	34	32	5	0	205.0	185	46	129
								Augusta	1-4	2.98	30	1	0	6	48.1	35	29	48
								Pittsburgh	12-10	2.71	32	32	1	0	212.2	183	65	81
								Harrisburg	2-7	3.51	13	13	2	0	74.1	76	15	47
								Salem	2-2	3.16	5	5	1	0	37.0	42	9	29
								Buffalo	2-3	2.78	8	8	2	0	55.0	52	8	26
CATCHERS																		
12	LaValliere, Mike	L	R	5-9	190	8/18/60 Charlotte, NC	St. Petersburg, FL	Pittsburgh	.261	120	352	24	92	18	0	2	47	3
26	Ortiz, Junior	R	R	5-11	176	10/24/59 Humacao, PR	Humacao, PR	Pittsburgh	.280	49	118	8	33	6	0	2	18	1
3	Rodriguez, Ruben	R	R	6-0	175	8/4/64 Cabrera, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Harrisburg	.275	48	160	12	44	7	1	0	19	2
								Buffalo	.256	24	82	4	21	3	1	0	2	0
								Pittsburgh	.200	2	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
INFELDERS																		
6	Bellard, Rafael	R	R	5-6	150	10/24/61 Pueblo Nuevo, DR	Santiago, DR	Pittsburgh	.213	122	286	28	61	0	4	0	11	7
25	Bonilla, Bobby	S	R	6-3	230	2/23/63 New York, NY	Bradenon, FL	Pittsburgh	.274	159	584	87	160	32	7	24	100	3
5	Bream, Sid	L	L	6-4	220	8/3/60 Carlisle, PA	Wexford, PA	Pittsburgh	.264	148	462	50	122	37	0	10	65	9
2	Destrade, Orestes	S	R	6-4	220	5/8/62 Santiago, Cuba	Miami, FL	Buffalo	.271	77	273	37	74	16	1	12	42	2
30	Distefano, Benny	L	L	6-1	200	1/23/62 Brooklyn, NY	Thiells, NY	Pittsburgh	.149	36	47	2	7	1	0	1	3	0
29	Fernin, Felix	R	R	5-11	170	10/9/63 Mao, Valverde, DR	Mao, Valverde, DR	Buffalo	.345	16	29	6	10	3	1	1	6	0
7	Khalifa, Sammy	R	R	5-11	177	12/5/63 Fontana, CA	Tucson, AZ	Pittsburgh	.261	87	352	38	92	11	1	0	31	8
								Pittsburgh	.276	43	87	9	24	0	2	0	2	3
								Buffalo	.228	66	215	30	49	9	3	5	21	3
								Harrisburg	.331	41	142	21	47	4	4	2	15	5
13	Lind, Jose	R	R	6-1	179	12/26/64 Marion, IN	Colorado Springs, CO	Harrisburg	.255	117	411	49	105	21	1	14	66	5
14	Oberkleit, Ken	L	R	6-1	210	5/1/64 Toabaja, PR	Dorado, PR	Pittsburgh	.262	154	611	82	160	24	4	2	49	15
								Atl./Pitt	.271	140	476	49	129	22	4	3	42	4
OUTFIELDERS																		
24	Alou, Moises	R	R	6-3	178	7/3/66 Atlanta, GA	Santo Domingo, DR	Augusta	.313	105	358	58	112	23	5	7	62	24
44	Bonds, Barry	L	L	6-1	185	7/24/64 Riverside, CA	Tempe, AZ	Pittsburgh	.283	144	538	97	152	30	5	24	58	17
	Cangelosi, John	S	L	5-8	150	3/10/63 Brooklyn, NY	Hialeah, FL	Pittsburgh	.254	75	118	18	30	4	1	0	8	9
								Buffalo	.331	37	145	23	48	6	0	0	10	14
19	Cook, Jeff	S	R	6-0	185	12/17/65 Kansas City, MO	Kansas City, MO	Harrisburg	.257	127	490	55	126	9	2	1	29	45
	Redus, Gary	R	R	6-1	185	11/1/56 Athens, AL	Decatur, AL	Chicago (AL)	.263	77	262	42	69	10	4	6	34	26
23	Reynolds, R.J.	S	R	6-0	183	4/19/60 Sacramento, CA	Los Angeles, CA	Pittsburgh	.197	30	71	12	14	2	0	2	4	5
18	Van Slyke, Andy	L	R	6-2	192	12/21/60 Ulica, NY	Chesterfield, MO	Pittsburgh	.248	130	323	35	80	14	2	6	51	15
11	Wilson, Glenn	R	R	6-1	190	12/22/58 Baytown, TX	Montgomery, TX	Pittsburgh	.288	154	587	101	169	23	15	25	100	30
								Seattle	.250	78	284	28	71	10	1	3	17	1
								Pittsburgh	.270	37	126	11	34	8	0	2	15	0

MONTREAL EXPOS

OLYMPIC STADIUM

MANAGER: Buck Rodgers (37)

COACHES: Larry Bearnarth (36), Ron Hansen (18), Rafael Landestoy (17), Ken Macha (31), Jackie Moore (42), Joe Sparks (19)

TRAINERS: Ron McClain, Mike Kozak

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
44	Burke, Tim	R	R	6-3	205	2/19/59 Omaha, NE	Omaha, NE	Montreal	3-5	3.40	61	0	0	18	82.0	84	25	42
64	Bottenfield, Kent	S	R	6-3	215	11/14/68 Portland, OR	Portland, OR	W. Palm Beach	10-8	3.33	27	27	9	0	181.0	165	47	120
56	Gardner, Mark	R	R	6-1	190	3/1/62 Los Angeles, CA	Clovis, CA	Indianapolis	4-2	2.77	13	13	3	0	84.1	65	32	71
46	Gross, Kevin	R	R	6-5	215	6/8/61 Downey, CA	Chino, CA	Jacksonville	6-3	1.60	15	15	4	0	112.1	72	36	130
61	Harris, Gene	R	R	5-11	190	12/5/64 Sebring, FL	Okeechobee, FL	Jacksonville	12-14	3.69	33	33	5	0	231.2	209	89	162
26	Heaton, Neal	L	L	6-1	195	3/3/60 Jamaica, NY	East Patchogue, NY	Montreal	9-5	2.63	18	18	7	0	126.2	95	45	103
38	Hesketh, Joe	L	L	6-2	170	2/15/59 Lackawanna, NY	Palm Harbor, FL	Montreal	3-10	4.99	32	11	0	2	97.1	98	43	43
59	Holman, Brian	R	R	6-4	190	1/25/65 Denver, CO	Winfield, KS	Indianapolis	4-3	2.85	60	0	0	9	72.2	63	35	64
51	Johnson, Randy	R	L	6-10	225	9/10/63 Walnut Creek, CA	Penn Valley, CA	Montreal	0-0	3.27	8	0	0	2	11.0	10	5	16
63	Leon, Danilo	R	R	6-1	165	4/3/67 LaConception, VZ	LaCanada, VZ	Montreal	4-8	3.23	18	16	1	0	100.1	101	34	58
32	Martinez, Dennis	R	R	6-1	180	5/14/55 Granada, Nicaragua	Miami, FL	Indianapolis	8-1	2.36	14	13	2	0	91.1	78	30	70
27	McGaffigan, Andy	R	R	6-3	190	10/25/56 West Palm Beach, FL	Lakeland, FL	Montreal	3-0	2.42	4	4	1	0	26.0	23	7	25
47	Pacillo, Pat	R	R	6-2	210	7/23/63 Jersey City, NJ	Tarpon Springs, FL	Montreal	8-7	3.26	20	19	0	0	113.1	85	72	111
34	Perez, Pascual	R	R	6-3	175	5/17/57 Haina, DR	Santiago, DR	W. Palm Beach	10-3	1.16	15	15	7	0	116.0	75	48	100
39	Sauveur, Rich	L	L	6-4	170	11/23/63 Arlington, VA	Falls Church, VA	Montreal	15-13	2.72	34	34	9	0	235.1	215	55	120
28	Smith, Bryn	R	R	6-2	205	8/11/55 Marietta, GA	Santa Maria, CA	Montreal	6-0	2.76	63	0	0	4	91.1	81	37	71
48	Valdez, Sergio	R	R	6-1	190	9/7/65 Elias Pina, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Indianapolis	1-0	5.06	6	0	0	0	10.2	14	4	11
20	Fitzgerald, Mike	R	R	5-11	190	7/13/60 Long Beach, CA	Long Beach, CA	Montreal	3-4	3.86	22	12	0	0	74.2	76	30	62
22	Santovenia, Nelson	R	R	6-3	215	7/27/61 Pino del Rio, Cuba	Miami, FL	Indianapolis	12-8	2.44	27	27	4	0	188.0	133	44	131
62	Blowers, Mike	R	R	6-2	190	4/24/65 Wurzberg, Germany	Spanaway, WA	Jacksonville	0-0	6.00	4	0	0	0	3.0	3	2	3
16	Foley, Tom	L	R	6-1	180	9/9/59 Columbus, GA	Miami, FL	Montreal	7-4	2.43	43	3	0	10	81.1	60	28	58
14	Galarraga, Andres	R	R	6-3	235	6/18/61 Caracas, VZ	Caracas, VZ	Montreal	0-2	4.05	8	0	0	0	6.2	7	5	8
25	Hudler, Rex	R	R	6-0	180	9/2/60 Tempe, AZ	Fresno, CA	Montreal	12-10	3.00	32	32	1	0	198.0	179	32	122
15	Huson, Jeff	L	R	6-3	170	8/15/64 Scottsdale, AZ	Sedona, AZ	Indianapolis	5-4	3.43	14	14	0	0	84.0	80	28	61
6	Johnson, Wallace	S	R	5-11	185	12/25/56 Gary, IN	Gary, IN	Jacksonville	250	2.51	128	47	72	118	18	1	0	34
23	O'Malley, Tom	L	R	6-0	190	12/25/60 Orange, NJ	Montoursville, PA	Montreal	251	3.09	86	94	7	29	5	1	0	3
9	Owen, Spike	S	R	5-10	170	4/19/61 Cleburne, TX	Austin, TX	Oklahoma City	259	14	27	3	7	0	0	0	2	0
5	Paredes, Johnny	R	R	5-11	175	9/2/62 Maracaibo, VZ	Maracaibo, VZ	Boston	291	138	522	68	152	26	4	9	72	2
29	Wallach, Tim	R	R	6-3	200	9/14/57 Huntington Park, CA	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Montreal	249	89	257	40	64	14	1	5	18	0
24	Aldrete, Mike	L	L	5-11	185	1/29/61 Carmel, CA	Seaside, CA	San Francisco	187	35	91	6	17	2	0	1	10	5
57	Brooks, Hubie	R	R	6-0	205	9/24/56 Los Angeles, CA	Chatsworth, CA	Montreal	295	101	400	69	118	17	3	4	46	43
7	Dean, Kevin	R	R	6-1	190	12/7/67 Vallejo, CA	Vallejo, CA	Montreal	257	159	592	52	152	32	5	12	69	2
60	Hernandez, Cesar	R	R	6-0	160	9/28/66 Yamas, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Jacksonville	267	139	389	44	104	15	0	3	50	6
1	Martinez, Dave	L	L	5-10	170	9/26/64 Manhattan, NY	Schaumburg, IL	Rockford	279	151	588	61	164	35	2	20	90	7
35	Nixon, Otis	S	R	6-2	180	1/9/59 Evergreen, NC	Evergreen, NC	Montreal	256	137	496	81	127	24	4	7	48	33
21	Powell, Alonzo	R	R	6-2	205	12/12/64 San Francisco, CA	San Francisco, CA	Indianapolis	246	111	411	71	101	20	4	19	60	28
30	Raines, Tim	S	R	5-8	185	9/16/59 Sanford, FL	Heathrow, FL	Montreal	255	138	447	51	114	13	6	6	46	23
55	Walker, Larry	L	R	6-2	205	12/1/66 Maple Ridge, BC	Maple Ridge, BC	Montreal	244	90	271	47	66	8	2	0	19	40
								Montreal	285	67	235	52	67	6	3	0	15	46
								Montreal	262	88	282	31	74	18	3	4	39	10
								Montreal	270	109	429	66	116	19	7	12	48	33
								Montreal	Did not play									

OUTFIELDERS

24	Aldrete, Mike	L	L	5-11	185	1/29/61 Carmel, CA	Seaside, CA	San Francisco	267	139	389	44	104	15	0	3	50	6
57	Brooks, Hubie	R	R	6-0	205	9/24/56 Los Angeles, CA	Chatsworth, CA	Montreal	279	151	588	61	164	35	2	20	90	7
7	Dean, Kevin	R	R	6-1	190	12/7/67 Vallejo, CA	Vallejo, CA	Jacksonville	256	137	496	81	127	24	4	7	48	33
60	Hernandez, Cesar	R	R	6-0	160	9/28/66 Yamas, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Rockford	246	111	411	71	101	20	4	19	60	28
1	Martinez, Dave	L	L	5-10	170	9/26/64 Manhattan, NY	Schaumburg, IL	Montreal	255	138	447	51	114	13	6	6	46	23
35	Nixon, Otis	S	R	6-2	180	1/9/59 Evergreen, NC	Evergreen, NC	Montreal	244	90	271	47	66	8	2	0	19	40
21	Powell, Alonzo	R	R	6-2	205	12/12/64 San Francisco, CA	San Francisco, CA	Indianapolis	285	67	235	52	67	6	3	0	15	46
30	Raines, Tim	S	R	5-8	185	9/16/59 Sanford, FL	Heathrow, FL	Montreal	262	88	282	31	74	18	3	4	39	10
55	Walker, Larry	L	R	6-2	205	12/1/66 Maple Ridge, BC	Maple Ridge, BC	Montreal	270	109	429	66	116	19	7	12	48	33

MANAGER: Don Zimmer (4)
COACHES: Joe Altobelli (2), Chuck Cottier (5), Larry Cox (35), Jose Martinez (3), Dick Pole (34)
TRAINER: John Fierro

STREET AND SMITH'S BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

BUSCH STADIUM

MANAGER: Whitey Herzog (24)

COACHES: Red Schoendienst (2), Dave Ricketts (3), Mike Roarke (4), Rich Hacker (7), Johnny Lewis (8), Jim Rigglemen (16)

TRAINER: Gene Giesemann

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
44	Carpenter, Kris	R	R	6-1	185	4/5/65 Gainesville, GA	Gainesville, GA	Louisville	6-2	2.87	13	13	1	0	87.2	81	26	45
50	Costello, John	R	R	6-1	180	12/24/60 New York, NY	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	2-3	4.72	8	8	1	0	47.2	44	25	38
34	Cox, Danny	R	R	6-4	225	9/21/59 Northampton, ENG	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	5-2	1.81	36	0	0	1	49.2	44	25	38
46	Dayley, Ken	L	L	6-0	180	2/25/59 Jerome, ID	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	0-0	3.09	3	3	0	0	86.0	89	25	47
48	DeLeon, Jose	R	R	6-3	215	12/20/60 Rancho Viejo, DR	Perth Amboy, NJ	St. Louis	2-7	2.77	54	0	0	5	55.1	48	19	38
52	Dipino, Frank	L	L	6-0	180	10/22/56 Syracuse, NY	Manlius, NY	Cubs	13-10	3.67	34	34	3	0	225.1	198	86	208
52	Fassero, Jeff	L	L	6-1	180	1/5/63 Springfield, IL	Springfield, IL	Arkansas	2-3	4.98	63	0	0	6	90.1	102	32	69
43	Hill, Ken	R	R	6-2	175	12/14/65 Lynn, MA	Lynn, MA	Arkansas	5-5	3.58	70	1	0	17	78.0	96	41	72
	Kinzer, Matt	R	R	6-2	210	6/17/63 Indianapolis, IN	Uniondale, IN	St. Louis	9-9	4.92	22	22	3	0	115.1	129	50	107
32	Magrane, Joe	R	L	6-6	230	7/2/64 Des Moines, IA	St. Louis, MO	Arkansas	0-1	5.14	4	1	0	0	14.0	16	6	6
53	Mathews, Greg	R	L	6-2	180	5/17/62 Harbor City, CA	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	3-0	3.10	16	0	0	3	29.0	26	3	34
40	Quisenberry, Dan	R	R	6-2	185	2/7/53 Santa Monica, CA	Leawood, KS	St. Louis	6-2	3.71	46	0	0	6	80.0	73	24	53
37	Terry, Scott	R	R	5-11	195	11/21/59 Hobbs, NM	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	5-9	2.18	24	24	4	0	165.1	133	51	100
38	Worrell, Todd	R	R	6-5	210	9/28/59 Arcadia, CA	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	2-1	3.15	4	4	1	0	20.0	19	7	18
		R	R	6-2	185	2/7/53 Santa Monica, CA	Leawood, KS	St. Louis	4-6	4.24	13	13	1	0	68.0	61	33	31
		R	R	6-2	185	2/7/53 Santa Monica, CA	Leawood, KS	Louisville	0-1	7.31	5	4	0	0	16.0	15	9	8
		R	R	5-11	195	11/21/59 Hobbs, NM	St. Louis, MO	Kansas City	0-1	3.55	20	0	0	1	25.1	32	5	9
		R	R	6-5	210	9/28/59 Arcadia, CA	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	2-0	6.16	33	0	0	0	38.0	54	6	19
		R	R	6-5	210	9/28/59 Arcadia, CA	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	9-6	2.92	51	11	1	3	129.1	119	34	65
		R	R	6-5	210	9/28/59 Arcadia, CA	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	0-0	0.00	3	3	0	0	5.0	2	1	1
		R	R	6-5	210	9/28/59 Arcadia, CA	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	5-9	3.00	68	0	0	32	90.0	69	34	78
CATCHERS																		
19	Pagnozzi, Tom	R	R	6-1	190	7/30/62 Tucson, AZ	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	282	81	195	17	55	9	0	15	0	6
26	Pena, Tony	R	R	6-0	185	6/4/57 Monte Cristi, DR	Santiago, DR	St. Louis	263	149	505	55	133	23	1	10	51	6
	Zelle, Todd	R	R	6-1	190	9/9/65 Van Nuys, CA	Valencia, CA	Arkansas	270	129	430	95	116	33	2	19	75	6
INFELDERS																		
10	Booker, Rod	L	R	6-0	175	9/4/58 Los Angeles, CA	Upland, CA	St. Louis	343	18	35	6	12	3	0	0	3	2
28	Guerrero, Pedro	R	R	6-0	197	6/29/56 San Pedro, DR	Los Angeles, CA	Louisville	259	111	370	50	96	12	1	4	31	15
22	Jones, Tim	L	R	5-10	175	12/1/62 Sumpter, SC	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	298	59	215	24	64	7	1	5	35	2
11	Oquendo, Jose	S	R	5-10	160	7/4/63 Rio Piedras, PR	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	268	44	149	16	40	7	1	5	30	2
60	Pena, Geronimo	R	R	6-1	170	3/29/67 Distrito Nacional, DR	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	257	103	370	63	95	21	2	6	38	39
9	Pendleton, Terry	S	R	5-9	180	7/16/60 Los Angeles, CA	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	269	31	52	2	14	0	0	0	3	4
1	Smith, Ozzie	S	R	5-10	155	12/26/54 Mobile, AL	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	277	148	451	36	125	10	1	7	46	4
		S	R	5-9	180	7/16/60 Los Angeles, CA	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	258	130	484	82	125	25	10	4	35	35
		S	R	5-10	155	12/26/54 Mobile, AL	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	253	110	391	44	99	20	2	6	53	3
		S	R	5-10	155	12/26/54 Mobile, AL	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	270	153	575	80	155	27	1	3	51	57
OUTFIELDERS																		
23	Brunansky, Tom	R	R	6-4	216	8/20/60 Covina, CA	Walnut, CA	Minnesota	183	14	49	5	9	1	0	1	6	1
55	Cole, Alex	L	L	6-2	170	8/17/65 Fayetteville, NC	Richmond, VA	St. Louis	245	143	523	69	128	22	4	22	79	16
29	Coleman, Vince	S	R	6-0	170	9/22/61 Jacksonville, FL	St. Louis, MO	Louisville	232	120	392	43	91	7	8	0	24	40
51	McGee, Willie	S	R	6-1	175	11/2/58 San Francisco, CA	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis	260	153	616	77	160	20	10	3	38	81
33	Morris, John	L	L	6-1	185	2/23/61 Freeport, NY	St. Petersburg, FL	St. Louis	292	137	562	73	164	24	6	3	50	41
21	Walling, Denny	L	R	6-1	185	4/17/54 Neptune, NJ	Waynesboro, VA	St. Louis	289	20	38	3	11	2	1	0	3	0
		L	R	6-1	185	4/17/54 Neptune, NJ	Waynesboro, VA	Louisville	100	13	40	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
		L	R	5-11	170	1/5/59 Washington, DC	Ninety-Six, SC	St. Louis	244	65	176	19	43	10	2	1	20	1
		L	R	5-11	170	1/5/59 Washington, DC	Ninety-Six, SC	St. Louis	224	19	58	3	13	3	0	0	1	1
		L	R	5-11	170	1/5/59 Washington, DC	Ninety-Six, SC	Philadelphia	288	122	378	53	109	16	2	2	33	17

MANAGER: Nick Leyva (16)
COACHES: Mike Ryan (5), Tony Taylor (12), John Vukovich (7), Larry Bowa (2), Darold Knowles (3), Denis Menke (4)
TRAINERS: Jeff Cooper, Mark Andersen

STREET AND SMITH'S BASEBALL

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

OAKLAND COLISEUM

MANAGER: Tony La Russa (10)

COACHES: Dave Duncan (18), Rene Lachemann (15), Art Kusnyer (5), Dave McKay (31), Merv Rettenmund (45), Tommie Reynolds (46)

TRAINERS: Barry Weinberg, Larry Davis

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
54	Burns, Todd	R	R	6-2	190	7/6/63 Maywood, CA	Schaumburg, IL	Oakland	8-2	3.16	17	14	2	1	102.2	93	34	57
32	Cadaret, Greg	L	L	6-3	205	2/27/62 Detroit, MI	Phoenix, AZ	Tacoma	4-3	3.68	21	5	1	1	73.1	74	26	59
41	Corsi, Jim	R	R	6-1	210	9/9/61 Newton, MA	Newtonville, MA	Oakland	5-2	2.89	58	0	0	3	71.2	60	36	65
14	Davis, Storm	R	R	6-4	200	12/26/61 Dallas, TX	Atlantic Beach, FL	Tacoma	2-5	2.75	50	0	0	0	21.1	20	6	10
43	Ekersley, Dennis	R	R	6-2	195	10/3/54 Oakland, CA	Sudbury, MA	Oakland	16-7	3.70	33	33	1	0	201.2	211	91	127
40	Honeycutt, Rick	L	L	6-1	191	6/29/54 Chattanooga, TN	LaHabra Hgts, CA	Oakland	4-2	2.35	60	0	0	45	72.2	52	11	70
56	Law, Joe	R	R	6-2	200	2/4/62 Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh, PA	Tacoma	3-2	3.50	55	0	0	7	79.2	74	25	47
23	Moore, Mike	R	R	6-4	205	11/26/59 Eakly, OK	Phoenix, AZ	Huntsville	5-3	3.93	12	11	1	0	66.1	62	19	46
19	Nelson, Gene	R	R	6-0	175	12/3/60 Tampa, FL	Dade City, FL	Seattle	9-15	3.78	37	32	9	1	116.0	100	35	67
38	Otto, Dave	L	L	6-7	210	11/12/64 Chicago, IL	Elk Grove Village, IL	Oakland	9-6	3.06	54	1	0	3	228.2	196	63	182
51	Plunk, Eric	R	R	6-5	210	9/3/63 Wilmington, CA	Riverside, CA	Tacoma	4-9	3.52	21	2	0	0	100.9	9	6	7
34	Stewart, Dave	R	R	6-2	200	2/19/57 Oakland, CA	Claremont, CA	Oakland	7-2	3.00	49	0	0	5	78.0	62	39	79
59	Veres, David	R	R	6-2	195	10/19/66 Montgomery, AL	Ceres, CA	Huntsville	21-12	3.23	37	37	14	0	275.2	240	110	192
35	Welch, Bob	R	R	6-3	195	11/3/56 Detroit, MI	Huntington Beach, CA	Modesto	3-4	4.15	8	8	0	0	39.0	50	15	17
29	Young, Curt	R	L	6-1	175	10/18/59 Saginaw, MI	Scottsdale, AZ	Oakland	4-11	3.31	19	19	3	2	125.0	100	78	91
20	Young, Matt	L	L	6-3	205	8/9/58 Pasadena, CA	La Canada, CA	Oakland	11-8	4.14	26	26	1	0	244.2	237	81	158
									Injured Did Not Play						156.1	162	50	69
CATCHERS																		
24	Hassey, Ron	L	R	6-2	195	2/27/53 Tucson, AZ	Tucson, AZ	Oakland	257	107	323	32	83	15	0	7	45	2
49	McGinnis, Russ	R	R	6-3	215	6/18/63 Coffeyville, KS	Littletton, CO	Tacoma	253	63	186	25	47	13	0	2	21	1
11	Sinatro, Matt	R	R	5-9	175	3/22/60 W. Hartford, CT	Atlanta, GA	Huntsville	260	23	77	9	20	9	0	2	15	1
36	Steinbach, Terry	R	R	6-1	195	3/2/62 New Ulm, MN	N. St. Paul, MN	Oakland	333	10	9	1	3	2	0	0	5	0
INFIELDERS																		
30	Blankenship, Lance	R	R	6-0	185	12/6/63 Portland, OR	Concord, CA	Oakland	000	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Gallego, Mike	R	R	5-8	160	10/31/60 Whittier, CA	Santa Ana, CA	Tacoma	265	131	437	84	116	21	8	9	52	40
57	Hemond, Scott	R	R	6-0	205	11/18/65 Taunton, MA	Dunedin, FL	Oakland	209	129	277	38	58	8	0	2	20	2
17	Hubbard, Glenn	R	R	5-7	170	9/25/57 Hahn AFB, Germany	Stone Mountain, GA	Huntsville	220	133	482	51	106	22	4	9	53	29
4	Lansford, Carney	R	R	6-2	195	2/7/57 San Jose, CA	Baker, OR	Oakland	255	105	294	35	75	12	2	3	33	1
25	McGwire, Mark	R	R	6-5	225	10/1/63 Pomona, CA	Claremont, CA	Oakland	279	150	556	80	155	20	2	7	57	29
2	Phillips, Tony	S	R	5-10	175	4/15/59 Atlanta, GA	Scottsdale, AZ	Oakland	260	155	550	87	143	22	1	32	99	0
7	Weiss, Walt	S	R	6-0	175	11/28/63 Tuxedo, NY	Suffern, NY	Tacoma	203	79	212	32	43	8	4	2	17	0
									271	16	59	10	16	0	0	2	8	0
									250	147	452	44	113	17	3	3	39	4
OUTFIELDERS																		
33	Canseco, Jose	R	R	6-3	230	7/2/64 Havana, Cuba	Miami, FL	Oakland	307	158	610	120	187	34	0	42	124	40
55	Canseco, Ozzie	R	R	6-2	210	7/2/64 Havana, Cuba	Miami, FL	Huntsville	222	27	99	6	22	7	0	3	12	3
42	Henderson, Dave	R	R	6-2	210	7/12/56 Dos Palos, CA	Bellevue, WA	Madison	273	99	359	63	98	17	7	12	68	13
48	Howard, Steve	R	R	6-2	205	12/7/63 Oakland, CA	Oakland, CA	Oakland	304	146	507	100	154	38	0	24	94	2
28	Javier, Stan	S	R	6-0	185	9/1/65 S.P. de Macoris, DR	S.P. de Macoris, DR	Huntsville	247	128	461	70	114	19	6	17	78	29
6	Jose, Felix	S	R	6-1	190	5/8/65 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Oakland	257	125	397	49	102	13	3	2	35	20
39	Parker, Dave	L	R	6-5	245	6/9/51 Jackson, MS	Cincinnati, OH	Tacoma	333	8	6	2	1	0	0	0	1	1
22	Polonia, Luis	L	L	5-8	155	10/12/64 Santiago City, DR	Santiago City, DR	Oakland	257	101	377	43	97	18	5	12	83	16
									292	84	288	51	84	11	4	2	27	24
									335	65	254	58	85	13	5	2	27	31

MANAGER: Tom Kelly (10)
COACHES: Tony Oliva (6), Rick Renick (44), Rick Stelmazek (43), Dick Such (42), Wayne Terwilliger (45)
TRAINER: Dick Martin

AMERICAN LEAGUE ROSTERS

KANSAS CITY ROYALS ROYALS STADIUM

MANAGER: John Wathan (12)

COACHES: Glenn Ezell (44), Frank Funk (43), Adrian Garrett (41), Mike Lum (28), John Mayberry (7), Bob Schaefer (42)

TRAINERS: Mickey Cobb, Nick Swartz

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
45	Adams, Ken	R	R	6-1	185	6/4/66 Kansas City, MO	Columbia MO	Baseball City	4-2	3.43	30	4	0	0	57.2	46	39	28
27	Aquino, Luis	R	R	6-1	175	5/19/65 Sature, PR	Rio Piedras, PR	Omaha	8-3	2.85	25	16	1	0	29.0	106	50	93
19	Bannister, Floyd	L	L	6-1	190	6/10/55 Pierre, SD	Paradise Valley, AZ	Kansas City	1-0	2.79	7	5	1	0	29.0	33	17	11
26	Farr, Steve	R	R	5-11	200	12/12/56 Cheverly, MD	Olathe, KS	Kansas City	12-13	4.33	31	31	2	0	189.1	182	68	113
39	Gleaton, Jerry Don	L	L	6-3	210	9/14/57 Brownwood, TX	Brownwood, TX	Omaha	4-2	2.50	62	1	0	0	82.2	74	30	72
36	Gordon, Tom	R	R	5-9	160	11/18/67 Sebring, FL	Avon Park, FL	Kansas City	0-4	3.55	42	0	0	3	38.0	33	17	29
23	Gubicza, Mark	R	R	6-5	210	8/14/62 Philadelphia, PA	Northridge, CA	Appleton	7-5	2.06	17	17	5	0	118.0	69	43	172
37	Leibrandt, Charlie	R	R	6-3	200	10/4/56 Chicago, IL	Leawood, KS	Memphis	6-0	0.38	6	6	2	0	47.1	16	17	62
40	Luecken, Rick	R	R	6-6	210	11/15/60 McAllen, TX	Houston, TX	Omaha	3-0	1.33	3	3	0	0	20.1	11	15	29
21	Montgomery, Jeff	R	R	5-11	180	1/7/62 Wellston, OH	Wellston, OH	Kansas City	0-2	5.17	5	2	0	0	15.2	16	7	18
18	Saberhagen, Bret	R	R	6-1	185	4/11/64 Chicago Heights, IL	Leawood, KS	Kansas City	20-8	2.70	35	35	8	0	269.2	237	83	183
31	Sanchez, Israel	L	L	5-9	171	8/20/63 Falcon Las Vias, Cuba	Chicago, IL	Kansas City	13-12	3.19	35	35	7	0	243.0	244	62	125
52	Stottlemire, Mel	R	R	6-0	190	12/28/63 Prosser, WA	Yakima, WA	Omaha	7-4	2.91	15	15	3	0	102.0	102	36	85
46	Vasquez, Aguedo	R	R	5-10	160	2/5/67 Puerto Plata, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Memphis	3-2	2.40	7	7	0	0	45.0	41	14	29
47	Wagner, Hector	R	R	6-3	185	11/26/68 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Omaha	0-0	9.00	2	0	0	0	80.2	54	30	68
8	Boone, Bob	R	R	6-2	207	11/19/47 San Diego, CA	Villa Park, CA	California	295	122	352	38	104	17	0	5	39	2
11	Hearn, Ed	R	R	6-3	210	8/23/60 Stuart, FL	Overland Park, KS	Baseball City	304	17	56	3	17	4	0	0	5	0
15	Macfarlane, Mike	R	R	6-1	200	4/12/64 Stockton, CA	Stockton, CA	Kansas City	222	7	18	1	4	2	0	0	1	0
24	Owen, Larry	R	R	5-10	190	5/31/55 Garfield Hts, OH	Columbus, OH	Omaha	237	21	76	8	18	7	2	2	8	0
29	Palacios, Rey	R	R	5-10	190	11/8/62 Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn, NY	Omaha	215	63	200	35	43	10	1	9	32	1
2	Biancalana, Buddy	S	R	5-11	160	2/2/60 Larkspur, CA	Leawood, KS	Omaha	230	132	409	38	94	26	1	5	27	4
5	Brett, George	L	R	6-0	200	5/15/53 Glendale, WA	Rancho Mirage, CA	Kansas City	.091	5	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
14	Buckner, Bill	L	L	6-1	195	12/14/49 Vallejo, CA	Andover, MA	Cal-KC	248	91	294	36	73	16	4	1	37	17
51	de los Santos, Luis	R	R	6-5	190	12/29/66 San Cristobal, DR	New York, NY	Omaha	.306	157	589	90	180	42	3	24	103	14
32	Pecola, Bill	R	R	6-2	190	2/16/60 Redwood City, CA	Overland Park, KS	Kansas City	.249	108	285	19	71	14	0	3	43	5
33	Seltzer, Kevin	R	R	5-11	180	3/26/62 Springfield, IL	Overland Park, KS	Kansas City	.307	136	535	62	164	25	4	6	87	2
1	Stillwell, Kurt	S	R	5-11	175	6/4/65 Glendale, CA	Overland Park, KS	Kansas City	.091	11	22	1	2	1	1	0	1	0
3	Wellman, Brad	R	R	6-0	170	8/17/59 Lodi, CA	Byron, CA	Kansas City	.208	90	178	25	37	3	3	1	15	7
20	White, Frank	R	R	5-11	190	9/4/50 Greenville, MS	Lee's Summit, MO	Kansas City	.304	149	559	90	170	32	5	5	60	10
58	Brumfield, Jacob	R	R	6-0	170	5/27/65 Bogalusa, LA	Hammond, LA	Memphis	.251	128	459	63	115	28	5	10	53	6
22	Eisenreich, Jim	L	L	5-11	195	4/18/59 St. Cloud, MN	St. Cloud, MN	Omaha	.271	71	107	11	29	3	0	1	6	1
16	Jackson, Bo	R	R	6-1	225	11/30/62 Bessemer, AL	Leawood, KS	Kansas City	.235	150	537	48	126	25	1	8	58	7
30	Tabler, Pat	R	R	6-2	198	2/2/58 Hamilton, OH	Cincinnati, OH	Kansas City	.226	128	433	70	98	15	5	6	28	46
4	Tartabull, Danny	R	R	6-1	205	10/30/62 Carlsbad, CA	Beverly Hills, CA	Kansas City	.289	36	142	28	41	8	3	4	14	9
25	Thurman, Gary	R	R	5-10	175	11/12/64 Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis, IN	Omaha	.218	82	202	26	44	8	1	1	19	9
59	Watkins, Darren	R	R	6-1	185	8/30/66 Everett, WA	Everett, WA	Appleton	.246	124	439	53	108	16	4	25	68	27
6	Wilson, Willie	S	R	6-3	195	7/9/55 Montgomery, AL	Leawood, KS	Baseball City	.282	130	444	63	125	22	3	2	66	3

CALIFORNIA ANGELS ANAHEIM STADIUM

MANAGER: Doug Rader (12)

COACHES: Joe Coleman (40), Bobby Knoop (1), Marcel Lachemann (53), Jimmie Reese (50), Moose Stubing (47)

TRAINERS: Ned Bergert, Rick Smith

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
28	Blyleven, Bert	R	R	6-3	205	4/6/51 Zeist, Holland	Villa Park, CA	Minnesota	10-17	5.43	33	33	7	0	207.1	240	51	145	
41	Cedeno, Vinicio	R	R	5-10	185	4/6/64 La Romana, DR	La Romana, DR	Midland	1-2	4.48	44	1	0	0	76.1	72	38	66	
43	Charland, Colin	L	L	6-3	205	11/13/65 New York, NY	Duncanville, TX	Palm Springs	17-5	2.51	27	27	12	0	204.0	187	71	183	
42	Clark, Terry	R	R	6-2	196	10/10/60 Los Angeles, CA	La Puente, CA	California	6-6	5.07	15	15	2	0	94.0	120	31	39	
33	Cliburn, Stewart	R	R	6-0	192	12/19/56 Jackson, MS	Jackson, MS	Edmonton	7-6	4.51	16	16	3	0	113.2	128	33	59	
36	Corbett, Sherman	L	L	6-4	203	11/13/62 New Braunfels, TX	Converse, TX	California	4-2	4.07	40	1	0	0	84.0	83	32	42	
48	Felters, Mike	R	R	6-4	200	12/19/64 Van Nuys, CA	Ewa Beach, HI	Midland	3-2	3.40	18	0	0	2	47.2	48	11	40	
31	Finley, Chuck	L	L	6-6	212	11/26/62 Monroe, LA	W. Monroe, LA	Edmonton	2-0	1.93	2	2	1	0	14.0	8	10	11	
27	Fraser, Willie	R	R	6-1	206	5/26/64 New York, NY	Irvine, CA	California	9-15	4.17	31	31	2	0	194.1	191	82	111	
34	Harvey, Bryan	R	R	6-2	215	6/2/63 Chattanooga, TN	Catawba, NC	California	12-13	5.41	34	32	2	0	194.2	203	80	86	
17	Lazorko, Jack	R	R	5-11	218	3/30/56 Hoboken, NJ	Rowlett, TX	Edmonton	0-0	3.18	5	0	0	2	5.2	7	4	10	
45	Lovelace, Vance	L	L	6-5	235	8/9/63 Tampa, FL	Tampa, FL	Edmonton	11-8	3.87	21	21	9	0	149.0	156	33	59	
18	Lugo, Urbano	R	R	5-11	197	8/12/62 Falcon, VZ	Caracas, VZ	Edmonton	1-3	6.10	46	5	1	1	69.1	79	57	58	
15	McCaskill, Kirk	R	R	6-1	196	4/9/61 Kapuskasing, Ont	Irvine, CA	California	9-6	5.26	38	15	2	1	116.1	148	47	69	
38	Minton, Greg	S	R	6-2	207	7/29/51 Lubbock, TX	Gilbert, AZ	California	8-6	4.31	23	23	4	0	146.1	155	61	98	
44	Monteleone, Rich	R	R	6-2	217	3/22/63 Tampa, FL	Tampa, FL	California	4-5	2.85	44	0	0	7	79.0	67	34	46	
46	Petry, Dan	R	R	6-4	215	11/13/58 Palo Alto, CA	Grosse Pointe, MI	Palm Springs	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	0	4.0	3	1	4	
39	Witt, Mike	R	R	6-7	198	7/20/60 Fullerton, CA	Santa Ana, CA	Edmonton	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	0	4.1	4	1	3	
32	Miller, Darrell	R	R	6-2	210	2/26/59 Washington, DC	Yorba Linda, CA	Edmonton	4-7	5.08	30	16	3	0	122.1	141	27	97	
13	Parrish, Lance	R	R	6-3	220	6/15/66 Claiton, PA	Yorba Linda, CA	California	3-9	4.38	22	22	4	0	139.2	139	59	64	
14	Schroeder, Bill	R	R	6-2	200	9/7/58 Baltimore, MD	Hales Corners, WI	Palm Springs	1-2	6.60	3	3	0	0	15.0	19	11	11	
								California	13-16	4.15	34	34	12	0	249.2	263	87	133	
CATCHERS																			
32	Miller, Darrell	R	R	6-2	210	2/26/59 Washington, DC	Yorba Linda, CA	California	AVG	221	70	140	21	31	4	1	2	7	2
13	Parrish, Lance	R	R	6-3	220	6/15/66 Claiton, PA	Yorba Linda, CA	Edmonton	.317	37	123	14	39	5	3	4	19	3	
14	Schroeder, Bill	R	R	6-2	200	9/7/58 Baltimore, MD	Hales Corners, WI	Philadelphia	.215	123	424	44	91	17	2	15	60	0	
								Milwaukee	.156	41	122	9	19	2	0	5	10	0	
								Denver	.235	6	17	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	
INFELDERS																			
7	Eppard, Jim	L	L	6-2	181	4/27/60 South Bend, IN	Huntington Beach, CA	California	.283	56	113	7	32	3	1	0	14	0	
16	Howell, Jack	L	R	6-0	201	8/18/61 Tucson, AZ	Tucson, AZ	Edmonton	.262	41	141	18	37	6	1	0	16	0	
21	Joyner, Wally	L	L	6-2	198	6/16/62 Atlanta, GA	Yorba Linda, CA	California	.254	154	500	59	127	32	2	16	63	2	
35	Manto, Jeff	R	R	6-3	210	8/23/64 Bristol, PA	Bristol, PA	California	.295	158	597	81	176	31	2	13	85	8	
37	McCollom, Jim	R	R	6-1	195	4/23/63 New York, NY	Valley Stream, NY	Midland	.301	120	408	88	123	23	3	24	101	7	
10	McLemore, Mark	S	R	5-11	195	10/4/64 San Diego, CA	Diamond Bar, CA	California	.343	118	452	95	155	32	3	20	75	13	
								Edmonton	.240	77	233	38	56	11	2	2	16	13	
								Palm Springs	.267	12	45	7	12	3	0	0	6	7	
3	Ray, Johnny	S	R	5-11	189	3/1/57 Chouteau, OK	Chouteau, OK	Palm Springs	.341	11	44	9	15	3	1	0	6	7	
22	Schofield, Dick	R	R	5-10	178	11/21/62 Springfield, IL	Placentia, CA	California	.306	153	602	75	184	42	7	6	83	4	
9	Stevens, Lee	L	L	6-4	205	7/10/67 Kansas City, MO	Lawrence, KS	California	.239	155	527	61	126	11	6	6	34	20	
								Midland	.297	116	414	79	123	26	2	23	76	0	
OUTFIELDERS																			
20	Armas, Tony	R	R	6-1	220	7/2/53 Anzoatequi, VZ	Anzoatequi, VZ	California	.272	120	368	42	100	20	2	13	49	1	
11	Bichette, Dante	R	R	6-3	212	11/18/63 W. Palm Beach, FL	Lake Park, FL	California	.261	21	46	1	12	2	0	0	8	0	
24	Davis, Chili	S	R	6-3	210	1/17/60 Kingston, Jamaica	Phillips Ranch, CA	Edmonton	.267	132	509	64	136	29	10	14	81	7	
5	Downing, Brian	R	R	5-10	194	10/9/50 Los Angeles, CA	Yorba Linda, CA	California	.242	158	600	81	161	29	3	21	93	9	
19	Lawton, Marcus	S	R	6-1	160	8/18/65 Gulfport, MS	Gulfport, MS	California	.298	54	205	42	61	12	0	2	25	64	
								Jackson	.298	94	333	46	78	16	4	0	17	25	
								Tidewater	.233	94	333	46	78	16	4	0	17	25	
								New York (A.L.)	.308	126	455	62	140	22	3	11	64	15	
30	Washington, Claudell	L	L	6-2	195	8/31/54 Los Angeles, CA	Orinda, CA	California	.259	122	455	76	118	22	2	11	51	17	
								California	.259	122	455	76	118	22	2	11	51	17	

CHICAGO WHITE SOX COMISKEY PARK

MANAGER: Jeff Torborg (10)

COACHES: Terry Bevington, Ron Clark (53) Sammy Ellis, Walt Hrinak, Dave LaRoche, Glen Rosenbaum (39)

TRAINER: Herm Schneider

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
32	Blittiger, Jeff	R	R	5-10	175	4/13/62 Jersey City, NJ	Colonia, NJ	Vancouver	4-1	1.04	7	7	5	0	52.0	35	6	49
								White Sox	2-4	4.23	25	7	0	0	61.2	59	29	33
	Davis, Joel	L	R	6-5	205	1/30/65 Jacksonville, FL	Naperville, IL	White Sox	7-1	3.75	27	13	1	2	96.0	101	27	75
								White Sox	0-1	6.75	5	2	0	0	16.0	21	5	10
31	Davis, John	R	R	6-7	215	1/5/63 Chicago, IL	Northridge, CA	White Sox	2-5	6.64	34	1	0	1	63.2	77	50	37
								Vancouver	1-0	3.18	15	0	0	5	17.0	14	7	9
	Drees, Tom	S	L	6-6	210	6/17/63 Des Moines, IA	Edina, MN	Birmingham	9-7	2.79	22	21	6	0	158.0	149	52	94
	Hibbard, Greg	L	L	6-0	180	9/13/64 New Orleans, LA	Gulfport, MS	Vancouver	11-11	4.12	25	24	4	0	144.1	155	44	65
45	Hillegas, Shawn	R	R	6-2	208	8/21/64 Dos Palos, CA	Naperville, IL	Albuquerque	6-4	3.49	16	15	2	0	100.2	93	22	65
								Los Angeles	3-4	4.13	11	10	0	0	56.2	54	17	30
								White Sox	3-2	3.15	6	6	0	0	40.0	30	18	26
38	Jones, Barry	R	R	6-4	225	2/15/63 Centerville, IN	Centerville, IN	Pittsburgh	1-1	3.04	42	0	0	2	56.1	57	21	31
								White Sox	2-2	2.42	17	0	0	1	26.0	15	17	17
47	Long, Bill	R	R	6-0	185	2/29/60 Cincinnati, OH	Buffalo, NY	White Sox	8-11	4.03	47	18	3	2	174.0	187	43	77
	Manzanillo, R	L	L	5-10	190	10/17/63 San Pedro, DR	San Pedro, DR	Tampa	10-6	3.04	24	20	2	0	130.1	93	49	140
								White Sox	0-1	5.79	2	2	0	0	9.1	7	12	10
	McCarthy, Tom	R	R	6-0	180	6/18/61 Lundstahl, W. Ger	Lexington, NC	Tidewater	8-3	2.67	34	3	0	3	57.1	49	29	28
								Vancouver	1-0	0.00	9	0	0	4	18.2	11	4	11
								White Sox	2-0	1.38	6	0	0	1	13.0	9	2	5
40	McDowell, Jack	R	R	6-5	179	1/16/66 Van Nuys, CA	Van Nuys, CA	White Sox	5-10	3.97	26	26	1	0	158.2	147	68	84
34	Patterson, Ken	L	L	6-4	210	7/8/64 Costa Mesa, CA	McGregor, TX	Vancouver	6-5	3.23	54	4	0	12	86.0	64	34	89
								White Sox	0-2	4.79	9	2	0	1	20.2	25	7	8
33	Perez, Melido	R	R	6-4	180	2/15/66 San Cristobal, DR	San Cristobal, DR	White Sox	12-10	3.79	32	32	3	0	197.0	186	72	138
	Peterson, Adam	R	R	6-3	190	12/11/65 Long Beach, CA	Vancouver, WA	Vancouver	14-7	3.32	28	28	4	0	171.0	161	81	103
								White Sox	0-1	13.50	2	2	0	0	6.0	6	6	5
41	Reuss, Jerry	L	L	6-5	227	6/19/49 St. Louis, MO	La Canada, CA	White Sox	13-9	3.44	32	29	2	0	183.0	183	43	73
	Rodriguez, R	R	R	6-2	200	9/21/60 Oakland, CA	Hayward, CA	White Sox	8-6	3.06	19	19	5	0	126.2	112	43	55
								White Sox	1-2	7.09	10	5	0	0	33.0	43	17	9
37	Thigpen, Bobby	R	R	6-3	195	7/17/63 Tallahassee, FL	St. Petersburg, FL	Cleveland	5-8	3.30	68	0	0	34	90.0	96	33	62
	Wojna, Ed	R	R	6-1	187	8/20/60 Bridgeport, CT	San Diego, CA	Vancouver	10-6	3.27	21	17	5	1	124.0	112	36	73
CATCHERS																		
5	Karkovice, Ron	R	R	6-1	215	8/8/63 Union, NJ	Orlando, FL	Vancouver	250	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
								White Sox	174	46	116	12	29	10	0	2	13	2
72	Fisk, Carlton	R	R	6-2	225	12/26/47 Bellow Falls, VT	Lockport, IL	White Sox	277	76	253	37	70	8	1	19	50	0
27	Salas, Mark	L	R	6-0	205	3/8/61 Montebello, CA	Upland, CA	White Sox	250	75	196	17	49	7	0	3	9	0
INFELDERS																		
13	Gillen, Ozzie	L	R	5-11	150	1/20/64 Oculare del Tuy, Ven	Miranda, Ven	White Sox	261	156	566	58	148	16	7	0	39	25
15	Hill, Donnie	S	R	5-10	160	11/12/60 Pomona, CA	Laguna Niguel, CA	White Sox	217	83	221	17	48	6	1	2	20	3
12	Lyons, Steve	L	R	6-3	195	6/3/60 Tacoma, WA	Scottsdale, AZ	White Sox	269	146	472	59	127	28	3	5	45	1
10	Manrique, Fred	R	R	6-1	175	11/5/61 Bolivar, Ven	Lara, Ven	White Sox	235	140	345	43	81	10	6	5	37	6
28	Martinez, Carlos	R	R	6-5	175	8/11/65 LaGuaira, Ven	LaGuaira, Ven	Birmingham	277	133	498	66	138	22	3	14	73	24
								White Sox	164	17	55	5	9	1	0	0	0	1
29	Walker, Greg	L	R	6-3	212	10/6/59 Douglas, GA	Douglas, GA	White Sox	247	99	377	45	93	22	1	8	42	0
OUTFIELDERS																		
3	Baines, Harold	L	L	6-2	194	3/15/59 Easton, MD	St. Michaels, MD	White Sox	277	158	599	55	166	39	1	13	81	0
8	Boston, Daryl	L	L	6-3	203	1/4/63 Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati, OH	White Sox	217	105	281	37	61	12	2	15	31	9
22	Calderon, Ivan	R	R	6-1	221	3/19/62 Fajardo, PR	Luiza, PR	White Sox	212	73	264	40	56	14	0	14	35	4
	Davis, Mark	R	R	6-0	170	11/25/64 Lemon Grove, CA	Lemon Grove, CA	Birmingham	290	66	248	52	72	18	3	6	27	32
								Vancouver	212	68	241	24	51	9	2	4	29	8
17	Gallagher, Dave	R	R	6-0	180	9/20/60 Trenton, NJ	Trenton, NJ	Vancouver	336	34	131	23	44	8	1	4	27	5
								White Sox	303	101	347	59	105	15	3	5	31	5
1	Johnson, Lance	L	L	5-11	155	7/7/63 Cincinnati, OH	Mobile, AL	White Sox	185	33	124	11	23	4	1	0	6	6
42	Kittle, Ron	R	R	6-4	220	1/5/58 Gary, IN	Crown Point, IN	Vancouver	307	100	411	71	126	12	6	2	36	49
44	Pasqua, Dan	L	L	6-0	203	10/17/61 Yonkers, NY	Harrington Park, NJ	Cleveland	258	75	225	31	58	8	0	18	43	0
7	Williams, Kenny	R	R	6-1	189	4/6/64 Berkeley, CA	San Jose, CA	White Sox	227	129	422	48	96	16	2	20	50	1
								White Sox	159	73	220	18	35	4	2	8	28	6
								Vancouver	250	16	60	8	15	2	1	1	6	2

TEXAS RANGERS

ARLINGTON STADIUM

MANAGER: Bobby Valentine (2)

COACHES: Dick Egan (52), Toby Harrah (11), Tom House (35), Davey Lopes (15), Dave Oliver (26), Tom Robson (31)

TRAINER: Bill Zeigler

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
24	Akerfelds, Darrel	R	R	6-2	210	6/12/62 Denver, CO	Littleton, CO	Col. Springs	3-7	4.34	49	0	0	0	58.0	71	26	50
27	Barfield, John	L	L	6-1	185	10/15/64 Little Rock, AR	Little Rock, AR	Tulsa	9-9	2.88	24	24	5	0	169.0	159	66	125
41	Brown, Kevin	R	R	6-4	188	3/14/65 McIntyre, GA	McIntyre, GA	Tulsa	12-10	3.51	26	26	5	0	174.1	174	61	118
18	Correa, Edwin	R	R	6-2	215	4/29/66 Hato Rey, PR	Arlington, TX	Texas	1-1	4.24	4	4	1	0	23.1	33	8	12
23	Guzman, Jose	R	R	6-3	185	4/9/63 San Isabel, PR	Arlington, TX	Texas	11-13	3.70	30	30	6	0	206.2	180	82	157
44	Hall, Drew	L	L	6-4	205	3/27/63 Louisville, KY	Rush, KY	Iowa	4-3	2.34	49	0	0	19	65.1	41	26	75
45	Henry, Dwayne	R	R	6-3	205	2/16/62 Elktion, MD	Middletown, DE	Chicago (NL)	1-1	7.66	19	0	0	1	22.1	26	9	22
49	Hough, Charlie	R	R	6-2	190	1/5/48 Honolulu, HI	Brea, CA	Chicago (NL)	5-5	5.59	46	3	0	7	75.2	57	54	98
48	May, Scott	R	R	6-0	185	11/11/61 West Bend, WI	Waupaca, WI	Texas	0-1	8.71	11	0	0	1	10.1	15	9	10
38	McMurtry, Craig	R	R	6-5	192	11/5/59 Temple, TX	Troy, TX	Oklahoma City	2-5	4.35	9	9	2	0	49.2	55	21	35
39	Moyer, Jamie	L	L	6-1	170	11/18/62 Sellersville, PA	Souderton, PA	Chicago (NL)	9-15	3.48	34	30	3	0	202.0	212	55	121
42	Pavlas, Dave	R	R	6-7	180	8/12/62 Frankfurt, W. Germany	Shiner, TX	Oklahoma City	3-1	4.47	13	8	0	0	52.1	59	28	40
46	Raether, Rick	R	R	6-4	192	5/30/64 Milwaukee, WI	Edina, MN	Tulsa	5-2	1.98	26	5	1	2	77.1	52	18	69
61	Rogers, Kenny	L	L	6-1	200	11/10/64 Savannah, GA	Dover, FL	Tulsa	4-1	0.96	46	0	0	16	56.1	35	28	40
40	Russell, Jeff	R	R	6-3	210	9/2/61 Cincinnati, OH	Arlington, TX	Tulsa	4-6	1.27	8	6	0	1	35.1	22	11	26
34	Ryan, Nolan	R	R	6-2	210	1/31/47 Refugio, TX	Alvin, TX	Texas	10-9	3.82	34	24	5	0	188.2	183	66	88
36	Witt, Bobby	R	R	6-2	205	5/11/64 Arlington, VA	Arlington, TX	Houston	12-11	3.52	33	33	4	0	220.0	186	87	228
								Texas	8-10	3.92	22	22	13	0	174.1	134	101	148
								Oklahoma City	4-6	4.34	11	11	3	0	76.2	69	47	70

CATCHERS

7	Kreuter, Chad	S	R	6-2	190	8/26/64 Marin Co., CA	Newhall, CA	Tulsa	265	108	358	46	95	24	6	3	51	2
12	Petralli, Geno	L	R	6-1	180	9/25/59 Sacramento, CA	Arlington, TX	Texas	275	16	51	3	14	2	1	1	5	0
	Sundberg, Jim	R	R	6-1	196	5/18/51 Galesburg, IL	Galesburg, IL	Chicago (NL)	282	129	351	35	99	14	2	7	36	0
								Texas	241	24	54	8	13	1	0	2	9	0
									286	38	91	13	26	4	0	4	13	0

INFIELDERS

22	Buechele, Steve	R	R	6-3	200	8/27/51 Pittsburgh, PA	Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati	185	21	54	3	10	0	0	0	3	0
1	Fletcher, Scott	R	R	5-11	173	7/30/58 Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Arlington, TX	Houston	253	74	269	24	68	10	1	7	37	1
14	Franco, Julio	R	R	6-0	165	8/23/61 San Pedro, DR	Boca Raton, FL	Texas	250	155	503	68	126	21	4	16	58	2
20	Kunkel, Jeff	R	R	6-2	190	3/25/62 W. Palm Beach, FL	Arlington, TX	Texas	276	140	515	59	142	19	4	0	47	8
19	Meacham, Bobby	R	R	6-1	180	8/25/60 Los Angeles, CA	Glen Rock, NJ	Oklahoma City	303	152	613	88	186	23	6	10	54	25
3	Palmeiro, Rafael	L	L	6-0	180	9/24/64 Havana, Cuba	Tupelo, MS	Texas	217	56	203	28	44	11	4	5	21	7
16	Palmer, Dean	R	R	6-1	175	12/27/68 Tallahassee, FL	Tallahassee, FL	Chicago (NL)	227	55	154	14	35	8	3	2	15	0
8	Sanchez, Rey	R	R	5-10	180	10/5/67 Rio Piedras, PR	Rio Piedras, PR	Chicago (NL)	217	47	115	18	25	9	0	0	7	7
								Texas	307	152	580	75	178	41	5	8	53	12
									266	74	305	38	81	12	1	4	35	0
									306	128	418	60	128	6	5	0	38	29

OUTFIELDERS

6	Espy, Cecil	S	R	6-3	195	1/20/63 San Diego, CA	Arlington, TX	Texas	248	123	347	46	86	17	6	2	39	33
13	Gonzalez, Juan	R	R	6-3	175	10/16/69 Vega Baja, PR	Vega Baja, PR	Chicago (NL)	256	77	277	25	71	14	3	8	43	5
29	Incaviglia, Pete	R	R	6-1	220	4/2/64 Pebble Beach, CA	Arlington, TX	Texas	249	116	418	59	104	19	3	22	54	6
47	Reiner, Kevin	L	R	6-2	215	6/28/64 Macon, GA	Enderby, BC	Tulsa	302	133	486	74	147	30	11	21	76	4
21	Sierra, Ruben	S	R	6-1	175	10/6/65 Rio Piedras, PR	Carolina, PR	Texas	120	12	25	2	3	0	0	1	2	0
17	Sosa, Sam	R	R	6-0	165	11/10/68 San Pedro, DR	San Pedro, DR	Chicago (NL)	254	156	615	77	156	32	2	23	91	18
									229	131	507	70	116	13	12	9	51	42

SEATTLE MARINERS KINGDOM

MANAGER: Jim Lefebvre (5)

COACHES: Bob Didier (6), Rusty Kuntz (22), Mike Paul (20), Bill Plummer (3)

TRAINER: Rick Griffin

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
15	Bankhead, Scott	R	R	5-10	185	7/31/63 Raleigh, NC	Ashboro, NC	Seattle	7-9	3.07	21	21	2	0	135.0	115	38	102
27	Campbell, Mike	R	R	6-3	210	2/17/64 Seattle, WA	Kirkland, WA	Seattle	6-10	5.89	20	20	2	0	114.2	128	43	63
33	Dobie, Reggie	R	R	6-1	174	8/17/64 Rosedale, MS	Chicago, IL	Tidewater	4-4	4.48	10	10	3	0	70.1	80	26	38
39	Hanson, Erik	R	R	6-6	205	5/18/65 Kinnelon, NJ	Kinnelon, NJ	Seattle	8-5	3.86	20	20	3	0	112.0	102	57	78
38	Jackson, Mike	R	R	6-0	185	12/22/64 Houston, TX	Houston, TX	Seattle	12-7	4.23	27	26	2	0	161.2	167	57	154
12	Langston, Mark	R	R	6-0	188	8/20/60 San Diego, CA	Bellevue, WA	Seattle	2-3	3.24	6	6	0	0	41.2	35	12	36
36	McLaughlin, Collin	S	R	6-6	205	6/9/59 Winchester, MA	Raleigh, NC	Syracuse	6-5	2.63	62	0	0	4	99.1	74	43	76
49	Niederfluer, Tom	R	R	6-5	230	8/13/59 St. Louis Pk., MN	Beverly Hills, CA	Baltimore	15-11	3.34	35	35	9	0	261.1	222	110	235
31	Reed, Jerry	R	R	6-1	190	10/8/55 Bryson City, NC	Largo, FL	Seattle	9-4	2.88	47	1	1	7	69.0	47	37	62
40	Schooler, Mike	R	R	6-3	220	8/10/62 Anaheim, CA	Westminster, CA	Seattle	3-4	3.51	52	0	0	18	59.0	59	19	40
37	Solano, Julio	R	R	6-1	170	1/8/60 Aqua Blanca, DR	La Romana, DR	Seattle	1-1	3.96	46	0	0	1	86.1	82	33	48
18	Swift, Bill	R	R	6-0	180	10/27/61 S. Portland, ME	Kirkland, WA	Seattle	3-4	3.21	26	0	0	8	33.2	33	6	47
44	Taylor, Terry	R	R	6-1	180	7/28/64 Crestview, FL	Crestview, FL	Seattle	4-4	3.54	40	0	0	15	48.1	45	24	54
34	Trout, Steve	L	L	6-4	190	7/30/57 Detroit, MI	S. Holland, IL	Seattle	5-8	4.09	17	0	0	3	22.0	22	12	10
32	Walter, Gene	L	L	6-4	201	11/22/60 Chicago, IL	La Grange, KY	N.Y. (NL)	0-0	4.89	25	1	0	1	35.0	32	17	23
13	Wilkinson, Bill	R	L	5-10	160	8/10/64 Greybull, WY	Bellevue, WA	Seattle	3-2	4.59	38	24	6	0	174.2	199	65	47
41	Zavaras, Clint	R	R	6-1	175	1/4/67 Denver, CO	Denver, CO	Vermont	8-12	5.64	24	24	2	0	134.0	151	90	97
CATCHERS																		
9	Bradley, Scott	L	R	5-11	185	3/22/60 Montclair, NJ	Essex Fells, NJ	Seattle	0-1	6.26	5	5	0	0	23.0	26	11	9
25	Goff, Jerry	L	R	6-3	205	4/12/64 S. Raphael, CA	S. Raphael, CA	S.Bernardino	4-7	7.83	15	13	0	0	56.1	86	31	14
10	Valle, David	R	R	6-2	200	10/30/60 Bayside, NY	Repton, WA	Seattle	0-1	3.78	19	0	0	0	16.2	21	11	14
INFIELDERS																		
45	Balboni, Steve	R	R	6-3	225	1/16/57 Brockton, MA	Lee's Summit, MO	K.C.-Sea	1-0	5.13	16	0	0	0	26.1	21	15	13
21	Davis, Alvin	L	R	6-1	190	9/9/60 Riverside, CA	Bellevue, WA	Seattle	0-0	2.08	8	0	0	2	8.2	9	1	11
8	Diaz, Mario	R	R	5-10	160	1/10/62 Humacao, PR	Yabucoa, PR	Seattle	2-2	3.48	30	0	0	2	31.0	28	15	25
26	Lennon, Patrick	R	R	6-2	200	6/27/68 Whiteville, NC	Whiteville, NC	Vermont	0-4	9.13	21	4	0	4	23.2	31	20	20
11	Martinez, Edgar	R	R	5-11	175	1/2/63 New York, NY	Dorado, PR	Seattle	10-7	3.92	24	24	2	0	128.2	115	54	120
17	Presley, Jim	R	R	6-1	190	10/23/61 Pensacola, FL	Pensacola, FL	Seattle										
51	Quinones, Rey	R	R	5-11	185	11/11/63 Rio Piedras, PR	Rio Piedras, PR	Seattle										
4	Reynolds, Harold	S	R	5-11	165	11/26/60 Eugene, OR	Repton, WA	Seattle										
30	Vizquel, Omar	S	R	5-9	155	5/15/67 Caracas, VN	Caracas, VN	Vermont										
OUTFIELDERS																		
14	Brantley, Mickey	R	R	5-10	180	6/17/61 Catskill, NY	Catskill, NY	Seattle										
23	Biley, Greg	L	R	5-8	165	5/24/65 Bethel, NC	Greenville, NC	Seattle										
43	Buhner, Jay	R	R	6-3	205	8/13/64 Louisville, KY	Nassau Bay, TX	N.Y.-Sea										
2	Coles, Darnell	R	R	6-1	185	6/2/62 San Bernardino, CA	Safety Harbor, FL	Pittsburgh										
28	Cotto, Henry	R	R	6-2	178	1/5/61 Bronx, NY	Caguas, PR	Seattle										
16	Hengel, Dave	R	R	6-0	195	12/18/61 Oakland, CA	Fremont, CA	Seattle										
7	Kingery, Mike	L	L	6-0	180	3/29/61 St. James, MN	Willmar, MN	Seattle										
00	Leonard, Jeffrey	R	R	6-4	205	9/22/55 Philadelphia, PA	Foster City, CA	Seattle										
								San Francisco										
								Milwaukee										

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TRAINER: Charlie Moss

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
52	Boddicker, Mike	R	R	5-11	186	8/23/57 Cedar Rapids, IA	Norway, IA	Baltimore	6-3	3.86	21	21	4	0	147.0	149	51	100
50	Bolton, Tom	L	L	6-3	175	5/6/63 Nashville, TN	Brentwood, TN	Pawtucket	7-3	2.63	15	14	1	0	89.0	85	26	56
23	Boyd, Oil Can	R	R	6-1	160	10/6/59 Meridian, MS	Meridian, MS	Boston	3-0	2.79	18	1	0	0	19.1	17	10	15
21	Clemens, Roger	R	R	6-4	220	8/4/62 Dayton, OH	Katy, TX	Boston	1-3	4.75	28	0	0	0	30.1	35	14	21
53	Curry, Steve	R	R	6-6	217	9/13/65 Winter Park, FL	Perryburg, OH	Boston	9-7	5.34	23	23	1	0	129.2	147	41	71
40	Dopson, John	L	R	6-4	205	7/14/63 Baltimore, MD	Finksburg, MD	Pawtucket	18-12	2.93	35	35	14	0	264.0	217	62	291
28	Ellsworth, Steve	R	R	6-8	220	7/30/60 Chicago, IL	Fresno, CA	Boston	11-9	3.08	23	23	3	0	146.1	125	69	110
44	Gardner, Wes	R	R	6-4	203	4/29/61 Benton, AR	Natick, MA	Boston	0-1	8.18	3	3	0	0	11.0	15	14	4
31	Heitzel, Eric	R	R	6-3	175	9/25/63 Crowley, LA	Crowley, LA	Indianapolis	0-0	3.50	3	3	0	0	18.0	19	5	15
15	Lamp, Dennis	R	R	6-3	215	9/23/52 Los Angeles, CA	Cohasset, MA	Pawtucket	3-11	3.04	26	26	1	0	168.2	150	58	101
47	Murphy, Rob	L	L	6-2	205	5/26/60 Miami, FL	Miami, FL	Boston	7-7	3.74	18	16	3	0	108.1	105	23	58
54	Rochford, Mike	L	L	6-4	205	3/14/63 Methuen, MA	S. Burlington, VT	Boston	1-6	6.75	8	7	0	0	36.0	47	16	16
48	Smith, Lee	R	R	6-6	250	12/4/57 Jamestown, LA	Castor, LA	Pawtucket	8-6	3.50	36	18	1	2	149.0	119	64	106
41	Smithson, Mike	R	R	6-8	215	1/21/55 Centerville, TN	Nashville, TN	Pawtucket	6-10	3.96	22	22	2	0	127.1	129	51	122
46	Stanley, Bob	R	R	6-4	225	11/10/54 Portland, ME	Wenham, MA	Boston	7-6	3.48	46	0	0	0	82.2	92	19	49
45	Woodward, Rob	R	R	6-3	212	9/28/62 Hanover, NH	W. Lebanon, NH	Cincinnati	0-6	3.08	76	0	0	3	84.2	69	38	74
								Pawtucket	1-5	3.09	52	0	0	4	81.2	68	29	47
								Boston	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	2.1	4	1	1
								Boston	4-5	2.80	64	0	0	29	83.2	72	37	96
								Pawtucket	1-0	0.00	2	1	0	0	7.0	6	2	5
								Boston	9-6	5.97	31	18	1	0	126.2	149	37	73
								Winter Haven	0-1	7.20	2	2	0	0	10.0	13	3	3
								Pawtucket	1-0	0.82	4	2	0	0	11.0	7	5	6
								Boston	6-4	3.19	57	0	0	5	101.2	90	29	57
								Pawtucket	1-4	3.86	47	0	0	13	44.1	44	24	53
								Boston	0-0	13.50	1	0	0	0	0.2	2	1	0

CATCHERS

NO.	NAME	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
6	Cerone, Rick	R	R	5-11	175	5/19/54 Newark, NJ	Cresskill, NJ	Boston	269	84	264	31	71	13	1	3	27	0	0
10	Gedman, Rich	L	R	6-0	215	9/26/59 Worcester, MA	Framingham, MA	Pawtucket	467	4	15	2	7	2	0	1	1	0	0
20	Marzano, John	R	R	5-11	197	2/14/63 Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia, PA	Boston	231	95	299	33	69	14	0	9	39	0	0
								New Britain	205	112	205	11	23	6	1	0	5	1	1
								Pawtucket	198	33	111	7	22	2	1	0	5	1	1
								Boston	138	10	29	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0

INFELDERS

NO.	NAME	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
17	Barrett, Marty	R	R	5-10	175	6/23/58 Arcadia, CA	Pembroke, MA	Boston	283	150	612	83	173	28	1	1	65	7	7
26	Boggs, Wade	R	R	6-2	197	6/15/58 Omaha, NE	Tampa, FL	Boston	366	155	584	128	214	45	6	5	58	2	2
27	Cooper, Scott	L	R	6-3	200	10/13/67 St. Louis, MO	St. Louis, MO	Lynchburg	298	130	497	90	148	45	7	9	73	0	0
00	Esasky, Nick	R	R	6-3	215	2/24/60 Hialeah, FL	Marietta, GA	Cincinnati	243	122	391	40	95	17	2	15	62	7	7
30	Horn, Sam	L	L	6-5	240	11/2/63 Dallas, TX	Birmingham, AL	Pawtucket	233	83	279	33	65	10	0	10	31	0	0
3	Reed, Jody	R	R	5-9	160	7/26/62 Tampa, FL	Riverview, FL	Boston	148	24	61	4	9	0	0	2	8	0	0
7	Rivera, Luis	R	R	5-9	165	1/3/64 Cidra, PR	Cidra, PR	Boston	293	109	338	60	99	23	1	1	28	1	1
11	Romero, Ed	R	R	5-11	180	12/9/57 Santurce, PR	Wellington, FL	Montreal	224	123	371	35	83	17	3	4	30	3	3
								Boston	240	31	75	3	18	3	0	0	5	0	0

OUTFIELDERS

NO.	NAME	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
12	Burks, Ellis	R	R	6-2	195	9/11/64 Vicksburg, MS	Fort Worth, TX	Boston	294	144	540	93	159	35	5	18	92	25	25
24	Evans, Dwight	R	R	6-3	208	11/3/51 Santa Monica, CA	Lynnfield, MA	Boston	293	149	559	48	164	31	7	21	111	5	5
39	Greenwell, Mike	L	R	6-0	195	7/18/63 Louisville, KY	Cape Coral, FL	Boston	325	158	590	86	192	39	8	22	119	16	16
5	Kutcher, Randy	R	R	5-11	175	4/20/60 Anchorage, AK	Palmdale, CA	Pawtucket	233	86	331	40	77	12	2	4	27	16	16
18	Quintana, Carlos	R	R	6-2	195	8/26/65 Estado Miranda, Ven.	Estado Miranda, Ven.	Boston	167	19	12	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
14	Rice, Jim	R	R	6-2	216	3/8/53 Anderson, SC	N. Andover, MA	Pawtucket	285	131	471	67	134	25	3	16	66	3	3
16	Romine, Kevin	R	R	5-11	185	5/23/61 Exeter, NH	Santa Margarite, CA	Boston	333	5	6	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
								Boston	264	135	485	57	128	18	3	15	72	1	1
								Pawtucket	358	41	148	18	53	6	1	4	26	3	3
								Boston	192	57	78	17	15	2	1	1	6	2	2

DETROIT TIGERS

TIGER STADIUM

MANAGER: Sparky Anderson (11)

COACHES: Billy Consolo (50), Alex Grammas (51), Billy Muffet (56), Vada Pinson (28), Dick Tracewski (53)

TRAINERS: Pio DiSalvo, Bill Armstrong

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
19	Alexander, Doyle	R	R	6-3	200	6/11/50 Cordova, AL	Arlington, TX	Detroit	14-11	4.32	34	34	5	0	229.0	260	46	126
42	Beard, Dave	L	R	6-5	215	10/2/59 Atlanta, GA	San Ramon, CA	Toledo	6-7	3.01	21	15	1	0	104.2	84	29	76
48	Gibson, Paul	L	R	6-0	165	1/4/60 Southampton, NY	Moriches, NY	Glens Falls	3-3	1.75	11	6	1	2	46.1	31	7	41
39	Henneman, Mike	R	R	6-4	195	12/11/61 St. Charles, MO	Northville, MI	Detroit	9-6	2.93	40	1	0	0	92.0	83	34	50
21	Hernandez, Guillermo	L	L	6-2	185	11/14/54 Aguada, P.R.	Rio Piedras, P.R.	Detroit	6-5	3.06	63	0	0	10	67.2	50	31	59
37	Holman, Shawn	R	R	6-2	186	11/10/64 Sewickley, PA	Sewickley, PA	Glens Falls	8-3	1.87	52	0	0	10	91.2	82	26	44
28	Huisman, Mark	R	R	6-3	195	5/11/58 Lincoln, NE	Blue Springs, CO	Toledo	4-6	1.87	48	0	0	21	57.2	50	15	61
45	Hursey, Darren	L	L	6-6	180	8/1/68 Urbana, IL	Urbana, IL	Detroit	1-0	5.06	5	0	0	0	5.1	6	2	6
25	King, Eric	R	R	6-2	182	4/10/64 Oxnard, CA	Simi Valley, CA	Lakeland	15-8	3.39	26	26	3	0	166.0	148	56	44
47	Morris, Jack	R	R	6-3	200	5/16/55 St. Paul, MN	Orchard Lake, MI	Detroit	4-1	3.41	23	5	0	3	68.2	60	34	45
37	Nosek, Randy	R	R	6-4	216	1/8/67 Omaha, NE	Chillicothe, MO	Lakeland	15-13	3.94	34	34	10	0	235.0	225	83	168
31	Ritz, Kevin	R	R	6-4	195	6/8/65 Eatontown, NJ	Bloomfield, IA	Lakeland	0-4	3.82	8	8	0	0	30.2	29	16	11
44	Robinson, Jeff	R	R	6-6	210	12/14/61 Ventura, CA	El Capon, CA	Glens Falls	8-10	3.82	26	26	4	0	136.2	115	70	75
49	Searcy, Steve	L	L	6-1	185	6/4/64 Knoxville, TN	Knoxville, TN	Detroit	13-6	2.98	24	23	6	0	170.0	121	72	114
26	Tanana, Frank	L	L	6-3	195	7/3/53 Detroit, MI	Farmington Hills, MI	Detroit	0-2	5.63	2	2	0	0	8.0	8	4	5
								Detroit	14-11	4.21	32	32	2	0	203.0	213	64	127
CATCHERS																		
10	Clark, Phil	R	R	6-0	175	5/6/68 Crockett, TX	Crockett, TX	Lakeland	2-6	109	109	60	60	120	17	4	8	16
18	DiMascio, Dan	R	R	6-1	195	10/8/64 Joliet, IL	Joliet, IL	Glens Falls	280	79	211	30	59	8	1	6	31	1
8	Heath, Mike	R	R	5-11	180	2/5/55 Tampa, FL	Brandon, FL	Detroit	247	86	219	24	54	7	2	5	18	1
33	Nokes, Matt	L	R	6-1	185	10/31/63 San Diego, CA	Poway, CA	Detroit	251	122	382	53	96	18	0	16	53	0
INFELDERS																		
29	Austin, Pat	R	R	6-1	175	2/9/66 Columbus, OH	Chillicothe, OH	Glens Falls	297	89	337	54	100	13	1	1	29	24
4	Bean, Billy	L	L	6-1	185	5/11/64 Santa Ana, CA	Santa Ana, CA	Toledo	256	138	484	59	124	19	1	6	40	12
14	Bergman, Dave	L	L	6-2	190	6/6/53 Evanston, IL	Grosse Pte Woods, MI	Detroit	182	10	11	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
16	Brooks, Tom	R	R	5-10	170	8/10/53 Chambersburg, PA	Fayetteville, PA	Detroit	294	116	289	37	85	14	0	5	35	0
35	Brown, Chris	R	R	6-2	210	8/15/61 Jackson, MS	Woodland Hills, CA	San Diego	243	136	441	62	107	23	5	5	38	4
23	Lovullo, Torey	S	R	6-0	180	7/25/65 Santa Monica, CA	Encino, CA	Glens Falls	235	80	247	14	58	6	0	2	19	0
30	Moreland, Keith	R	R	6-0	200	5/2/54 Dallas, TX	Deerfield, IL	Detroit	274	78	270	37	74	17	1	9	50	2
17	Pedrique, Al	R	R	6-0	165	8/11/60 Aragua, VZ	Carabobo, VZ	Toledo	232	57	177	18	41	8	1	5	20	2
12	Salazar, Luis	R	R	5-9	180	5/19/56 Barcelona, VZ	Guarenas, VZ	Detroit	381	12	21	2	8	1	1	1	2	0
20	Strange, Doug	S	R	6-2	170	4/13/64 Greenville, SC	Taylor, SC	Buffalo	256	143	511	40	131	23	0	5	64	2
3	Trammell, Alan	R	R	6-0	175	2/21/58 Garden Grove, CA	San Diego, CA	Detroit	180	50	128	7	23	5	0	0	4	0
1	Whitaker, Lou	L	R	5-11	160	5/12/57 New York, NY	Lakeland, FL	Detroit	307	61	218	23	67	14	2	1	22	0
22	Cuyler, Mil	S	R	5-10	175	10/7/68 Macon, GA	Macon, GA	Detroit	270	130	452	61	122	14	1	12	62	6
34	Lemon, Chet	R	R	6-0	190	2/12/55 Jackson, MS	Lakeland, FL	Detroit	201	82	278	23	56	8	2	6	19	9
7	Lusader, Scott	L	L	5-10	165	9/30/64 Chicago, IL	West Palm Beach, FL	Glens Falls	280	57	218	32	61	11	1	1	36	11
9	Lynn, Fred	L	L	6-1	190	2/3/52 Chicago, IL	Rancho Mirage, CA	Detroit	311	128	466	73	145	24	1	15	69	7
40	Murphy, Dwayne	L	R	6-1	185	3/18/55 Merced, CA	Danville, CA	Detroit	275	115	403	54	111	18	2	12	55	2
24	Pettis, Gary	S	R	6-1	160	4/3/58 Oakland, CA	Diamond Bar, CA	Detroit	296	132	483	100	143	11	3	2	32	50
15	Sheridan, Pat	L	R	6-3	175	12/4/57 Ann Arbor, MI	Wayne, MI	Detroit	264	144	512	67	135	29	4	17	64	1
								Detroit	261	89	329	38	86	11	5	4	46	22
								Detroit	063	16	16	3	1	0	0	1	3	0
								Baltimore	252	87	301	37	76	13	1	18	37	2
								Detroit	222	51	173	20	38	9	0	7	19	0
								Toledo	220	51	173	20	38	9	0	5	15	2
								Detroit	250	49	144	14	36	5	0	4	19	1
								Detroit	210	129	458	65	96	14	4	3	36	44
								Detroit	254	127	347	47	88	9	5	11	47	8

MILWAUKEE BREWERS COUNTY STADIUM

MANAGER: Tom Trebelhorn (42)

COACHES: Duffy Dyer (31), Andy Etchebarren (8), Larry Haney (12), Chuck Hartenstein (24), Tony Muser (35)

TRAINERS: John Adam, Al Price

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
333	Aldrich, Jay	R	R	6-3	210	4/14/61 Alexandria, LA	Greenfield, WI	Denver	3-7	4.63	50	0	0	10	72.0	83	20	53	
338	August, Don	R	R	6-3	190	7/3/63 Mission Viejo, CA	Mission Viejo, CA	Denver	4-1	3.52	10	10	3	0	71.2	79	14	58	
40	Birkbeck, Mike	R	R	6-2	190	3/10/61 Orrville, OH	Easton, MD	Milwaukee	13-7	3.09	24	22	6	0	148.1	137	48	66	
								Denver	4-1	2.01	5	5	4	0	44.2	30	10	30	40
								Milwaukee	10-8	4.72	23	23	0	0	124.0	141	37	64	34
29	Bosio, Chris	R	R	6-3	225	4/3/63 Carmichael, CA	Rancho Cordova, CA	Denver	1-0	3.86	2	2	1	0	14.0	13	4	12	
48	Clutterbuck, Bryan	R	R	6-4	225	12/17/59 Detroit, MI	Highland, MI	Milwaukee	7-15	3.36	38	22	9	6	182.0	190	38	84	
								Denver	9-3	3.44	20	18	5	0	130.2	133	32	88	34
								Milwaukee	7-6	2.91	70	0	0	9	105.0	95	28	58	34
32	Crim, Chuck	R	R	6-0	185	7/23/61 Van Nuys, CA	Canyon Country, CA	Milwaukee	7-6	2.91	70	0	0	9	105.0	95	28	58	
55	Elvira, Narciso	L	L	5-10	160	10/29/67 Vera Cruz, MX	Vera Cruz, MX	Stockton	7-6	2.93	25	23	0	0	135.1	87	79	161	
39	Filer, Tom	R	R	6-1	198	12/1/56 Philadelphia, PA	Langhorne, PA	Denver	4-2	2.10	8	7	3	0	55.2	40	9	34	
63	Henry, Doug	R	R	6-4	185	12/10/63 Sacramento, CA	Hayward, CA	Milwaukee	5-8	4.43	19	16	2	0	101.2	108	33	39	
								Stockton	7-1	1.78	23	0	0	7	70.2	46	31	71	31
								El Paso	4-0	3.15	14	3	3	0	45.2	33	19	50	31
49	Higuera, Ted	S	L	5-10	178	11/9/58 Los Mochis, MX	C. Juarez, MX	Milwaukee	16-9	2.45	31	31	8	0	227.1	168	59	192	
41	Knudson, Mark	R	R	6-5	215	10/28/60 Denver, CO	North Glenn, CO	Denver	11-8	3.40	24	22	6	0	164.0	180	33	66	
27	Mirabella, Paul	L	L	6-2	185	3/20/54 Belleville, NJ	Arlington, TX	Milwaukee	0-0	1.13	5	0	0	0	16.0	17	2	7	
20	Nieves, Juan	L	L	6-3	190	1/5/65 Santurce, PR	Rio Piedras, PR	Milwaukee	0-0	0.93	8	0	0	1	9.2	9	4	7	
								Denver	2-2	1.65	38	0	0	4	60.0	44	21	33	14
								Denver	0-2	2.29	5	3	0	0	19.2	11	7	14	7
53	Perez, Leo	R	R	6-0	180	8/6/66 Los Medina, MX	Los Medina, MX	Milwaukee	7-5	4.08	25	15	1	1	110.1	84	50	73	
37	Plesac, Dan	L	L	6-5	207	2/4/62 Gary, IN	Hales Corners, WI	Beloit	10-8	2.05	22	17	5	0	122.2	96	31	124	
58	Veres, Randy	R	R	6-3	189	11/25/65 San Francisco, CA	Sacramento, CA	Milwaukee	1-2	2.41	50	0	0	30	52.1	46	12	52	
								Stockton	8-4	3.35	20	19	1	0	110.0	93	77	96	31
								El Paso	3-2	3.66	6	6	0	0	39.1	35	12	31	12
56	Watkins, Tim	R	R	6-4	210	8/14/64 Ogden, UT	Cottonwood, TN	Denver	6-3	4.10	47	0	0	7	68.0	62	35	50	
46	Wegman, Bill	R	R	6-5	215	12/19/62 Cincinnati, OH	New Berlin, WI	Milwaukee	13-13	4.12	32	31	4	0	199.0	207	50	84	
CATCHERS																			
59	McIntosh, Tim	R	R	5-11	195	3/21/65 Crystal, MN	Minneapolis, MN	Stockton	283	138	519	81	147	32	6	15	92	10	
22	O'Brien, Charlie	R	R	6-2	195	5/1/61 Tulsa, OK	Tulsa, OK	Denver	281	48	153	16	43	5	0	4	25	1	
5	Surhoff, B.J.	L	R	6-1	195	8/4/64 Bronx, NY	Hales Corners, WI	Milwaukee	220	40	118	12	26	6	0	2	9	0	
								Milwaukee	245	139	493	47	121	21	0	5	38	21	5
								Milwaukee	245	139	493	47	121	21	0	5	38	21	5
INFELDERS																			
9	Brock, Greg	L	R	6-3	205	6/14/57 McMinnville, OR	Hales Corners, WI	Milwaukee	212	115	364	53	77	16	1	6	50	6	
51	Canale, George	L	R	6-1	190	8/11/65 Memphis, TN	Roanoke, VA	El Paso	242	132	496	77	120	23	2	23	93	9	
3	Castillo, Juan	S	R	5-11	155	1/25/62 San Pedro, DR	San Pedro, DR	Milwaukee	222	54	90	10	20	0	0	2	2	2	
2	Diaz, Edgar	R	R	6-0	160	2/8/64 Santurce, PR	Caguas, PR	Denver	234	79	278	44	65	7	0	0	21	8	
17	Gantner, Jim	L	R	5-11	175	1/5/54 Eden, WI	Harland, WI	Milwaukee	276	155	539	67	149	28	2	0	47	20	
23	Meyer, Joey	R	R	6-3	260	5/10/62 Honolulu, HI	Kailua, HI	Milwaukee	263	103	327	22	86	18	0	11	45	0	
4	Molitor, Paul	R	R	6-0	185	8/22/56 St. Paul, MN	Mequon, WI	Milwaukee	312	154	609	115	190	34	6	13	60	41	
10	Polidor, Gus	R	R	6-0	180	10/26/61 Caracas, VZ	Caracas, VZ	Edmonton	364	11	33	6	12	4	0	0	7	0	
1	Sheffield, Gary	R	R	5-11	190	11/18/68 Tampa, FL	St. Petersburg, FL	California	148	54	81	4	12	3	0	0	4	0	
								El Paso	314	77	296	70	93	19	3	19	65	5	5
								Denver	344	57	212	42	73	9	5	9	54	8	
7	Sveum, Dale	S	R	6-3	185	11/23/63 Richmond, CA	Mesa, AZ	Milwaukee	238	24	80	12	19	1	0	4	12	3	
								Milwaukee	242	129	467	41	113	14	4	9	51	1	1
								Milwaukee	242	129	467	41	113	14	4	9	51	1	1
OUTFIELDERS																			
26	Briggs, Glenn	R	R	6-3	210	10/17/62 San Bernardino, CA	San Bernardino, CA	Milwaukee	261	72	272	30	71	14	0	10	42	6	
44	Carrillo, Matias	L	L	5-11	185	2/2/64 Guaymas Sonora, MX	Guaymas Sonora, MX	El Paso	298	106	396	76	118	17	2	12	55	11	
54	Deer, Rob	R	R	6-3	210	9/29/60 Orange, CA	Mesa, AZ	Milwaukee	252	135	492	71	124	24	0	23	85	9	
16	Felder, Mike	S	R	5-8	160	11/18/62 Richmond, CA	Richmond, CA	Denver	269	20	78	70	21	4	1	0	5	8	
								Milwaukee	173	50	81	14	14	1	0	0	5	8	8
								Denver	318	111	384	54	122	26	7	5	59	10	10
57	Freeman, Lavell	L	L	5-9	170	2/18/63 Oakland, CA	Sacramento, CA	Denver	325	72	277	55	90	11	4	0	32	23	
8	Hamilton, Darryl	L	R	6-1	180	12/3/64 Baton Rouge, LA	Baton Rouge, LA	Denver	184	44	103	14	19	4	0	1	11	7	
11	Vaughn, Greg	R	R	6-0	193	7/3/65 Sacramento, CA	Sacramento, CA	Milwaukee	301	131	505	104	152	39	2	28	105	22	
								El Paso	226	75	146	13	33	14	0	1	14	0	0
								Philadelphia	000	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Young, Mike	S	R	6-2	206	3/20/60 Oakland, CA	Hayward, CA	Milwaukee	306	162	621	92	190	38	11	13	91	22	
19	Yount, Robin	R	R	6-0	175	9/16/55 Danville, IL	Scottsdale, AZ	Milwaukee	306	162	621	92	190	38	11	13	91	22	
								Milwaukee	306	162	621	92	190	38	11	13	91	22	
								Milwaukee	306	162	621	92	190	38	11	13	91	22	

CATCHERS

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TORONTO BLUE JAYS EXHIBITION STADIUM

MANAGER: Jimmy Williams (3)

COACHES: Cito Gaston (43), Mike Squires (25), John Sullivan (8), Al Widmar (41), John McLaren (7)

TRAINER: Tommy Craig

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
27	Castillo, Tony	L	L	5-10	177	3/1/63 Lara, VZ	Barquisimato, VZ	Dunedin	4-3	1.48	30	0	0	12	42.2	31	10	46	
								Knoxville	1-0	0.00	5	0	0	2	8.0	2	1	11	
								Toronto	1-0	3.00	14	0	0	0	15.0	10	2	14	
55	Cerutti, John	L	L	6-2	200	4/28/60 Albany, NY	Anherst, MA	Toronto	6-7	3.13	46	12	0	1	123.2	120	42	65	
	Cummings, Steve	S	R	6-2	200	7/15/64 Houston, TX	Houston, TX	Knoxville	14-11	2.75	35	33	3	0	212.2	206	64	131	
38	Eichhorn, Mark	R	R	6-3	200	11/21/60 San Jose, CA	Watsonville, CA	Syracuse	4-4	1.17	18	1	0	2	38.1	35	15	34	
								Toronto	0-3	4.19	37	0	0	1	66.2	79	27	28	
46	Flanagan, Mike	L	L	6-0	195	12/16/51 Manchester, NH	Anherst, NH	Toronto	13-13	4.18	34	34	2	0	211.0	220	80	99	
	Guzman, Juan	R	R	6-0	190	10/28/66 Santo Domingo, DR	Manoguayabo, DR	Knoxville	4-5	2.36	46	2	0	6	84.0	52	61	90	
	Hall, Darren	R	R	6-3	205	7/14/64 Marysville, OH	Irving, TX	Dunedin	1-1	1.93	4	0	0	1	9.1	6	5	15	
50	Henke, Tom	R	R	6-5	225	12/21/57 Kansas City, MO	Jefferson City, MO	Knoxville	3-2	2.23	37	0	0	17	40.1	28	17	33	
	Hernandez, Xavier	L	R	6-2	185	8/16/65 Port Arthur, TX	Groves, TX	Myrtle Beach	13-6	2.49	23	22	2	0	148.0	116	28	111	
	Jones, Dennis	L	L	6-6	195	7/26/66 Gadsden, AL	Gadsden, AL	Knoxville	2-4	2.90	11	11	2	0	68.1	73	15	33	
22	Key, Jimmy	R	L	6-1	190	4/22/61 Huntsville, AL	Palm Harbor, FL	Toronto	8-4	2.58	18	17	0	0	83.2	54	63	98	
13	Musselman, Jeff	L	L	6-0	185	6/21/63 Doylestown, PA	Lanoka Harbor, NJ	Dunedin	0-0	3.18	2	2	0	0	131.1	127	30	65	
								Syracuse	4-1	2.94	10	10	1	0	49.0	42	17	31	
								Toronto	8-5	3.18	15	15	0	0	85.0	80	30	39	
45	Nunez, Jose	R	R	6-3	185	1/13/64 Jarobocoo, DR	Jarobocoo, DR	Syracuse	5-4	2.90	12	10	0	0	71.1	62	16	67	
37	Sieib, Dave	R	R	6-0	195	7/22/57 Santa Ana, CA	Palm Harbor, FL	Toronto	16-8	3.04	32	31	8	0	207.1	157	79	147	
30	Stottlemire, Todd	L	R	6-3	190	5/20/65 Yakima, WA	Yakima, WA	Toronto	4-8	5.69	28	16	0	0	98.0	109	46	67	
								Syracuse	5-0	2.05	7	7	1	0	48.1	36	8	51	
31	Ward, Duane	R	R	6-4	205	5/28/64 Parkview, NM	Farmington, NM	Toronto	9-3	3.30	64	0	0	15	111.2	101	60	91	
36	Wells, David	L	L	6-4	225	5/20/63 Torrance, CA	San Diego, CA	Toronto	3-5	4.62	41	0	0	4	64.1	65	31	56	
								Syracuse	0-0	0.00	6	0	0	3	5.2	7	2	8	
CATCHERS																			
									AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	
10	Borders, Pat	R	R	6-2	205	5/14/63 Columbus, OH	Lake Wales, FL	Toronto	273	56	154	15	42	6	3	5	21	0	0
								Syracuse	242	35	120	11	29	8	0	3	14	0	0
	Brenly, Bob	R	R	6-2	205	2/25/54 Coshoccon, OH	Foster City, CA	San Francisco	189	73	206	13	39	7	0	5	22	1	0
	Cabrera, Francisco	R	R	6-4	195	10/10/66 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Dunedin	400	9	35	2	14	4	0	1	9	0	0
								Knoxville	284	119	429	59	122	19	1	20	54	4	4
52	Myers, Greg	L	R	6-2	202	4/14/66 Riverside, CA	Riverside, CA	Syracuse	283	34	120	18	34	7	1	7	21	1	4
12	Whitt, Ernie	L	R	6-2	200	6/13/52 Detroit, MI	Mt. Clemens, MI	Toronto	251	127	398	63	100	11	2	16	70	4	4
INFELDERS																			
1	Fernandez, Tony	S	R	6-2	175	6/30/62 S.P. De Macoris, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Toronto	287	154	648	76	186	41	4	5	70	15	15
17	Grimber, Kelly	R	R	6-0	185	2/26/62 Houston, TX	Austin, TX	Toronto	278	158	569	75	158	33	5	16	81	23	23
14	Infante, Alexis	R	R	5-11	182	12/4/61 Barquisimato, VZ	Barquisimato, VZ	Syracuse	300	97	340	48	102	15	4	2	28	21	0
								Toronto	200	19	15	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kelly, Jimmy	S	R	6-0	150	7/13/70 Santo Domingo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Knoxville	210	118	352	39	74	17	3	3	30	9	9
4	Lee, Manny	S	R	5-9	161	6/17/65 S.P. De Macoris, DR	S.P. De Macoris, DR	Toronto	291	117	381	38	111	16	3	2	38	3	3
2	Liriano, Nelson	S	R	5-10	165	6/3/64 Puerto Plata, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Toronto	264	103	276	36	73	6	2	3	23	12	12
19	McGriff, Fred	L	L	6-3	208	10/31/63 Tampa, FL	Tampa, FL	Toronto	282	154	536	100	151	35	4	34	82	6	6
5	Mulliniks, Rance	L	R	6-0	175	1/15/56 Tulare, CA	El Paso, TX	Toronto	300	119	337	49	101	21	1	12	48	1	1
	Sojo, Luis	R	R	5-11	174	1/3/66 Barquisimato, VZ	Barquisimato, VZ	Myrtle Beach	289	135	536	83	155	22	5	5	56	14	14
OUTFIELDERS																			
29	Barfield, Jesse	R	R	6-1	200	10/29/59 Joliet, IL	Houston, TX	Toronto	244	136	468	62	114	21	5	18	56	7	7
	Batiste, Kevin	R	R	6-1	187	10/21/66 Galveston, TX	Clearwater, FL	Knoxville	234	112	363	44	85	14	4	3	22	31	31
								Syracuse	229	34	105	10	24	6	1	1	9	7	7
11	Bell, George	R	R	6-1	202	10/21/59 S.P. De Macoris, DR	S.P. De Macoris, DR	Toronto	269	156	614	78	165	27	5	24	97	4	4
6	Campasano, Sil	R	R	6-0	175	12/31/66 Mano Guayabo, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Toronto	218	73	142	14	31	10	2	2	12	0	0
								Syracuse	210	17	62	8	13	3	0	0	3	1	1
40	Ducey, Rob	L	R	6-2	173	5/24/65 Toronto, ONT	Cambridge, ONT	Syracuse	256	90	317	40	81	14	4	7	2	7	7
								Toronto	315	27	54	15	17	4	1	0	6	1	1
	Felix, Junior	S	R	5-11	165	10/3/67 Laguna Sabada, DR	Yamasa, DR	Knoxville	253	93	360	52	91	16	5	3	25	40	40
	Moseby, Lloyd	L	R	6-3	200	11/5/59 Portland, AR	Loomis, CA	Toronto	239	128	472	77	113	17	7	10	42	31	31

NEW YORK YANKEES

YANKEE STADIUM

MANAGER: Dallas Green (46)

COACHES: Billy Connors (42), Pat Corrales (47), Lee Elia (43), Charlie Fox (50), Frank Howard (48), John Stearns (44)

TRAINERS: Gene Monahan, Steve Donohue

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
45	Candelaria, John	R	L	6-6	225	11/6/53 Brooklyn, NY	Laguna Hills, CA	New York	13-7	3.38	25	24	6	1	157.0	150	23	121
55	Chapin, Darrin	R	R	6-0	170	2/1/66 Warren, OH	Cortland, OH	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	6-4	0.86	38	0	0	15	63.0	40	19	57
36	Dolson, Richard	R	R	6-0	204	1/10/59 Cincinnati, OH	Sarasota, FL	New York	12-9	5.00	32	29	4	0	171.0	178	72	77
56	Eiland, David	R	R	6-3	210	7/5/66 Dade City, FL	Zephyrhills, FL	Albany	9-5	2.56	18	18	7	0	119.1	95	22	66
								Columbus	1-1	2.59	4	4	0	0	24.1	25	6	13
35	Guertman, Lee	L	L	6-8	225	11/22/58 Chattanooga, TN	Kent, WA	New York	0-0	6.39	3	3	0	0	12.2	15	4	7
								Columbus	9-6	2.76	18	6	0	0	120.2	109	26	49
40	Hawkins, Andy	R	R	6-3	217	1/21/60 Waco, TX	San Diego, CA	New York	1-2	4.65	20	2	0	0	40.2	49	14	15
41	Hudson, Charles	R	R	6-3	185	3/16/59 Ennis, TX	Cherry Hill, NJ	San Diego	14-11	3.35	33	33	4	0	217.2	196	76	91
38	Jones, Jimmy	R	R	6-2	190	4/20/64 Dallas, TX	Dallas, TX	New York	6-6	4.49	28	12	1	2	106.1	93	36	58
29	LaPoint, Dave	L	L	6-3	231	7/29/59 Glens Falls, NY	Glens Falls, NY	San Diego	9-14	4.12	29	29	3	0	179.0	192	44	82
								Chicago (AL)	10-11	3.40	25	25	1	0	161.1	151	47	79
28	Leiter, Al	L	L	6-3	210	10/23/65 Toms River, NJ	Pine Beach, NJ	Pittsburgh	4-2	2.77	8	8	1	0	52.0	54	10	19
								Columbus	0-2	3.46	4	4	0	0	13.0	5	14	12
34	McCullers, Lance	S	R	6-1	218	3/8/64 Tampa, FL	Lutz, FL	New York	4-4	3.92	14	14	0	0	57.1	49	33	60
54	Mohoric, Dale	R	R	6-3	220	1/25/56 Cleveland, OH	Maple Heights, OH	San Diego	3-6	2.49	60	0	0	10	97.2	70	55	81
								Texas	2-6	4.85	43	0	0	5	52.0	62	20	25
27	Pena, Hipolito	L	L	6-3	165	1/30/64 Cotui, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	New York	2-2	2.78	13	0	0	1	22.2	21	9	19
								Columbus	7-6	3.87	50	3	0	3	104.2	84	55	109
58	Ridenour, Dana	R	R	6-2	205	11/15/65 Panorama City, CA	Sylmar, CA	New York	1-1	2.51	16	0	0	0	14.1	10	9	10
								Albany	5-4	3.92	30	0	0	14	43.2	29	29	56
19	Righetti, Dave	L	L	6-4	210	11/28/58 San Jose, CA	San Jose, CA	Columbus	1-2	2.11	14	0	0	0	21.1	16	19	24
51	Schulze, Don	R	R	6-3	230	9/27/62 Roselle, IL	Roselle, IL	New York	5-4	3.52	60	0	0	25	87.0	86	37	70
33	Shields, Steve	R	R	6-5	230	11/30/58 Gadsden, AL	Gadsden, AL	Toledo	10-13	3.11	27	26	8	0	185.1	172	56	107
								Columbus	0-1	2.52	17	0	0	5	25.0	28	6	23
								New York	5-5	4.37	39	0	0	0	82.1	96	30	55
CATCHERS																		
NO.	NAME	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
52	Geren, Bob	R	R	6-3	205	9/22/61 San Diego, CA	San Diego, CA	Columbus	271	95	321	37	87	13	2	8	35	0
12	Skinner, Joel	R	R	6-4	204	2/21/61 La Jolla, CA	San Diego, CA	New York	100	10	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	Slaughter, Don	R	R	6-1	190	9/11/58 Long Beach, CA	San Diego, CA	New York	277	88	251	23	57	15	0	4	23	0
	Quirk, Jamie	L	R	6-4	200	10/22/54 Whittier, CA	Arlington, TX	New York	283	97	322	33	91	25	1	9	43	1
							Overland Park, KS	Kansas City	240	84	196	22	47	7	1	8	25	1
INFELDERS																		
NO.	NAME	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
53	Maas, Kevin	L	L	6-3	195	1/20/65 Castro Valley, CA	Castro Valley, CA	Prince William	296	29	108	24	32	32	7	0	12	35
23	Matingly, Don	L	L	6-0	175	4/20/61 Evansville, IN	Tenafly, NJ	Albany	263	109	372	66	98	14	3	16	55	5
57	Meulens, Hensley	R	R	6-3	190	6/23/67 Curacao	Curacao	New York	311	144	599	94	186	37	0	18	88	1
13	Pagliarulo, Mike	L	R	6-2	195	6/15/60 Medford, MA	Melrose, MA	Albany	245	79	278	50	68	9	1	13	40	3
21	Phelps, Ken	L	L	6-1	200	8/6/54 Seattle, WA	Tempe, AZ	Columbus	230	55	209	27	48	9	1	6	22	2
								New York	216	125	444	46	96	20	1	15	67	1
17	Santana, Rafael	R	R	6-1	160	1/31/58 La Romana, DR	La Romana, DR	Seattle	284	72	190	37	54	8	0	14	32	1
6	Sax, Steve	R	R	5-11	179	1/29/60 W. Sacramento, CA	Manhattan Beach, CA	New York	224	45	107	17	24	5	0	10	22	0
20	Velarde, Randy	R	R	6-0	185	11/24/62 Midland, TX	Midland, TX	New York	240	148	480	50	115	12	1	4	38	1
								Los Angeles	277	160	632	70	175	19	4	5	57	42
								Columbus	270	78	293	39	79	23	4	5	37	7
								New York	174	48	115	18	20	6	0	5	12	1
OUTFIELDERS																		
NO.	NAME	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
61	Azocar, Oscar	L	L	6-1	170	2/21/65 Caracas, VEN	Caracas, VEN	Albany	273	138	543	60	148	22	9	6	66	21
25	Brower, Bob	R	R	6-0	190	1/10/60 Queens, NY	Arlington, VA	Texas	224	82	201	29	45	7	0	1	11	10
	Fisher, John	R	R	5-11	185	11/8/62 Fullerton, CA	Brea, CA	Tucson	261	102	360	61	94	19	6	18	68	11
24	Henderson, Rickey	R	L	5-10	195	12/25/58 Chicago, IL	Oakland, CA	Houston	231	19	26	1	6	0	0	1	2	0
59	Jefferson, Stan	S	L	5-11	175	12/4/62 New York, NY	Bronx, NY	New York	305	140	554	118	169	30	2	6	50	93
								Las Vegas	317	74	278	60	88	14	6	4	33	19
39	Kelly, Roberto	R	R	6-4	185	10/1/64 Panama City, PAN	Panama City, PAN	San Diego	144	49	111	16	16	1	2	1	4	5
								Columbus	333	30	120	25	40	8	1	3	16	11
22	Ward, Gary	R	R	6-2	202	12/6/53 Los Angeles, CA	Perris, CA	New York	247	38	77	9	19	4	1	1	7	5
62	Williams, Bernabe	R	R	6-2	180	9/13/68 San Juan, PR	Vega Alta, PR	New York	225	91	231	26	52	8	0	4	24	0
31	Winfield, Dave	R	R	6-6	220	10/3/51 St. Paul, MN	Tearneck, NJ	Prince William	338	91	334	72	113	16	7	7	45	29
								New York	322	149	559	96	180	37	2	25	107	9

CLEVELAND INDIANS MUNICIPAL STADIUM

MANAGER: Doc Edwards (32)

COACHES: Jim Davenport (12), Luis Isaac (7), Charlie Manuel (4), Tom Spencer (2), Mark Wiley (35)

TRAINER: Jim Warfield

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
40	Bailes, Scott	L	L	6-2	175	12/18/62 Chillicothe, OH	Springfield, MO	Cleveland	9-14	4.90	37	21	5	0	145.0	149	46	53
43	Black, Bud	L	L	6-2	185	6/30/57 San Mateo, CA	Leawood, KS	Kansas City	2-1	4.91	17	0	0	0	22.0	23	11	19
49	Candiotti, Tom	R	R	6-2	200	8/31/57 Walnut Creek, CA	Danville, CA	Cleveland	2-3	5.03	16	7	0	1	59.0	59	23	44
50	Dedmon, Jeff	L	R	6-2	200	3/4/60 Torrance, CA	Yorba Linda, CA	Cleveland	14-8	3.28	31	11	0	0	216.2	225	53	137
52	Farrell, John	R	R	6-4	210	8/4/62 Neptune, NJ	Rocky River, OH	Colorado Sp.	2-3	4.35	17	2	0	1	41.1	56	11	25
39	Gordon, Don	R	R	6-1	185	10/10/59 New York, NY	Columbia, SC	Colorado Sp.	3-3	4.24	21	1	0	0	57.1	62	13	19
22	Havens, Brad	L	L	6-1	196	11/17/59 Highland Park, MI	Royal Oak, MI	Cleveland	3-4	4.40	38	0	0	0	59.1	65	19	20
11	Jones, Doug	R	R	6-2	195	6/24/57 Covina, CA	Lebanon, IN	Los Angeles	0-0	4.66	9	0	0	0	9.2	15	4	8
46	Kaiser, Jeff	R	L	6-3	195	7/24/60 Wyandotte, MI	Trenton, MI	Colorado Sp.	2-3	3.14	28	0	0	1	57.1	62	17	30
54	Nichols, Rod	R	R	6-2	190	12/29/64 Burlington, IA	Columbus, GA	Cleveland	3-4	2.27	51	0	0	0	83.1	69	16	72
47	Orosco, Jesse	R	L	6-2	185	4/21/57 Santa Barbara, CA	St. Pete, FL	Los Angeles	3-2	2.72	55	0	0	0	98.0	79	37	98
60	Ortiz, Angel	R	L	6-3	170	12/12/67 Juana Diaz, PR	Juana Diaz, PR	Waterloo	5-5	2.57	15	1	0	0	113.1	98	68	93
64	Seanez, Rudy	R	R	6-0	170	10/20/68 Brawley, CA	Brawley, CA	Waterloo	6-6	4.69	22	22	1	0	163.2	173	75	61
57	Shaw, Jeff	R	R	6-2	185	7/17/66 Washington CH, OH	Washington CH, OH	Williamsport	5-19	3.63	27	27	6	0	159.1	186	64	117
67	Skalski, Joe	R	R	6-3	190	9/26/64 Chicago, IL	Burnham, IL	Colorado Sp.	10-13	6.55	29	29	3	0	159.1	186	64	117
21	Swindell, Greg	S	L	6-3	225	1/2/65 Fort Worth, TX	Houston, TX	Cleveland	18-14	3.20	33	33	12	0	242.0	234	45	180
48	Walker, Mike	R	R	6-1	175	10/4/66 Brooksville, FL	Brooksville, FL	Williamsport	15-7	3.72	28	27	3	0	164.1	162	74	145
53	Wickander, Kevin	L	L	6-2	202	1/4/65 Fort Dodge, IA	Glendale, AZ	Cleveland	0-1	7.27	3	1	0	0	8.2	8	10	7
42	Yett, Rich	R	R	6-2	187	10/6/62 Pomona, CA	Mesa, AZ	Colorado Sp.	0-2	0.63	24	0	0	0	16	28.2	14	9
								Cleveland	9-6	4.62	23	22	0	0	134.1	146	55	71
CATCHERS																		
6	Allanson, Andy	R	R	6-5	225	12/22/61 Richmond, VA	Cleveland, OH	Cleveland	263	133	434	44	114	11	0	5	50	5
17	Lampkin, Tom	L	R	5-11	185	4/4/64 Cincinnati, OH	Boring, OR	Williamsport	270	80	263	38	71	10	0	3	23	1
18	Tingley, Ron	R	R	6-2	180	5/27/59 Presque Isle, ME	Sparks, NV	Colorado Sp.	280	34	107	14	30	5	0	0	7	0
								Colorado Sp.	285	44	130	11	37	5	1	3	20	1
								Cleveland	167	9	24	1	4	0	0	1	2	0
INFELDERS																		
23	Aguayo, Luis	R	R	5-9	195	3/13/59 Vega Baja, PR	Vega Baja, PR	Philadelphia	247	49	97	9	24	3	0	3	5	2
16	Bell, Jay	R	R	6-1	180	12/11/65 Eglin AFB, FL	Pensacola, FL	Yankees	250	50	140	12	35	4	0	3	8	0
14	Browne, Jerry	S	R	5-10	170	2/13/66 St. Croix, VI	St. Croix, VI	Cleveland	218	73	211	23	46	5	1	2	21	4
15	Gonzalez, Denny	R	R	5-11	185	7/22/63 Sab. Gr. Boya, DR	Santo Domingo, DR	Colorado Sp.	276	49	181	35	50	12	2	7	24	3
1	Hinzo, Tommy	S	R	5-10	175	6/18/64 San Diego, CA	Chula Vista, CA	Texas	229	73	214	26	49	9	2	1	17	7
26	Jacoby, Brook	R	R	5-11	195	11/23/59 Philadelphia, PA	Ventura, CA	Oklahoma City	252	76	286	45	72	15	2	5	34	14
29	Medina, Luis	R	L	6-3	195	3/26/63 Santa Monica, CA	Downey, CA	Pittsburgh	296	75	267	37	79	14	2	8	39	9
9	O'Brien, Pete	L	L	6-2	205	2/9/58 Santa Monica, CA	Arlington, TX	Buffalo	180	24	32	5	6	1	0	0	1	0
34	Williams, Eddie	R	R	6-0	175	11/1/64 Shreveport, LA	San Diego, CA	Colorado Sp.	232	119	449	67	104	14	4	1	29	32
10	Zuvelia, Paul	R	R	6-0	178	10/31/58 San Mateo, CA	Newark, CA	Cleveland	241	152	552	59	133	25	0	9	49	2
								Colorado Sp.	255	16	51	10	13	0	0	6	8	0
								Texas	272	156	547	57	149	24	1	16	71	1
								Colorado Sp.	301	101	365	53	110	24	3	12	58	0
								Colorado Sp.	190	10	21	3	4	0	0	0	1	0
								Colorado Sp.	289	68	232	33	67	11	3	1	28	6
								Cleveland	231	51	130	9	30	5	1	0	7	0
OUTFIELDERS																		
30	Carter, Joe	R	R	6-3	215	3/7/60 Oklahoma City, OK	Leawood, KS	Cleveland	271	157	621	85	168	36	6	27	98	27
8	Castillo, Carmen	R	R	6-1	190	6/8/58 SF de Macoris, DR	New York, NY	Cleveland	273	66	176	12	48	8	0	4	14	6
25	Clark, David	L	R	6-2	198	9/3/62 Tupelo, MS	Tupelo, MS	Cleveland	263	63	156	11	41	4	1	3	18	0
27	Hall, Mel	L	L	6-1	205	9/16/60 Lyons, NY	Montreal, Quebec	Colorado Sp.	297	47	165	27	49	10	2	4	31	4
20	McDowell, Oddibe	L	L	5-9	160	8/25/62 Hollywood, FL	Arlington, TX	Cleveland	280	150	515	69	144	32	4	6	71	7
28	Snyder, Cory	R	R	6-3	185	11/11/62 Inglewood, CA	Laguna Hills, CA	Texas	247	120	437	55	108	19	5	6	37	33
								Oklahoma City	286	18	70	9	20	3	1	1	6	4
								Cleveland	272	142	511	71	139	24	3	26	75	5

BALTIMORE ORIOLES

MEMORIAL STADIUM

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COACHES: Elrod Hendricks (44), Al Jackson, Tom McCraw, Johnny Oates, Cal Ripken Sr. (7)

TRAINERS: Richie Bancells, Jaimie Reed

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	1988 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
29	Ballard, Jeff	L	L	6-2	198	8/13/63 Billings, MT	Billings, MT	Rochester	4-3	2.97	9	8	3	0	60.2	56	11	32
48	Bautista, Jose	R	R	6-2	203	7/25/64 Bani, D.R.	Bani, D.R.	Baltimore	8-12	4.40	25	25	6	0	153.1	167	42	41
46	Bowden, Mark	L	L	6-0	175	10/10/60 Ridgewood, NJ	Houston, TX	Baltimore	6-15	4.30	35	25	3	0	171.2	171	45	76
42	Harnisch, Pete	R	R	6-0	195	9/23/66 Commack, NY	Commack, NY	Charlotte	9-5	3.38	24	13	0	0	96.0	80	51	94
								Rochester	7-6	2.58	20	20	4	0	132.1	113	52	141
								Rochester	4-1	2.16	7	7	3	0	58.1	44	14	43
								Baltimore	0-2	5.54	2	2	0	0	13.0	13	9	10
								Los Angeles	7-3	1.70	45	0	0	1	84.2	69	26	49
								Azusa, D.R.	14-5	2.43	25	25	7	0	162.2	132	50	99
								Rochester	0-3	8.62	11	2	0	0	15.2	21	14	15
52	Milacki, Bob	R	R	6-4	220	7/28/64 Trenton, NJ	Lake Havasu, AZ	Charlotte	3-1	2.39	5	5	1	0	37.2	26	12	29
								Rochester	12-8	2.70	24	24	11	0	176.2	174	65	103
								Baltimore	2-0	0.72	3	3	1	0	25.0	9	9	18
								Baltimore	1-6	5.43	22	10	2	1	71.1	70	23	29
12	Morgan, Mike	R	R	6-2	215	10/8/59 Tulare, CA	Ogden, UT	Rochester	0-2	4.76	3	3	0	0	17.0	19	6	7
30	Olson, Gregg	R	R	6-4	211	10/11/66 Omaha, NB	Omaha, NB	Hagerstown	1-0	2.00	8	0	0	4	9.0	5	2	9
								Charlotte	0-1	5.87	8	0	0	1	15.1	24	6	22
								Baltimore	1-1	3.27	10	0	0	0	11.0	10	10	9
23	Peraza, Oswaldo	R	R	6-4	209	10/19/62 Puerto Cabello, Venez.	Puerto Cabello, Venez.	Baltimore	5-7	5.55	19	15	1	0	86.0	98	37	61
43	Schilling, Curt	R	R	6-4	215	11/14/66 Anchorage, AK	Phoenix, AZ	Rochester	3-0	2.89	6	6	1	0	43.2	35	9	36
								New Britain	8-5	2.97	21	17	4	0	106.0	91	40	62
								Charlotte	5-2	3.18	7	7	2	0	45.1	36	23	32
								Baltimore	0-3	9.82	4	4	0	0	14.2	22	10	4
24	Schmidt, Dave	R	R	6-1	194	4/22/57 Niles, MI	Northridge, CA	Baltimore	8-5	3.40	41	9	0	2	129.2	129	38	67
21	Thurmond, Mark	L	L	6-0	193	9/12/56 Houston, TX	Katy, TX	Baltimore	1-8	4.58	43	6	0	3	74.2	80	27	29
								Rochester	5-3	2.65	8	8	1	0	54.1	40	18	25
53	Tibbs, Jay	R	R	6-1	175	1/4/62 Birmingham, AL	Birmingham, AL	Rochester	3-1	2.84	4	4	1	0	25.1	22	9	18
32	Williamson, Mark	R	R	6-0	171	7/21/59 Corpus Christi, TX	Lemon Grove, CA	Baltimore	4-15	5.39	30	24	1	0	158.2	184	63	82
								Baltimore	5-8	4.90	37	10	2	2	117.2	125	40	69
								Rochester	2-3	3.34	12	3	1	2	29.2	38	5	25
									AVG		G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
15	Kennedy, Terry	L	R	6-4	226	6/4/56 Euclid, OH	San Diego, CA	Baltimore	226	85	265	20	60	10	0	3	16	0
26	Nichols, Carl	R	R	6-0	192	10/14/62 Los Angeles, CA	Compton, CA	Baltimore	191	18	47	2	9	1	0	0	1	0
14	Tettleton, Mickey	S	R	6-2	214	9/16/60 Oklahoma City, OK	Scottsdale, AZ	Rochester	228	75	193	20	44	7	1	3	16	0
								Rochester	244	19	41	9	10	3	1	1	4	0
								Baltimore	261	86	283	31	74	11	1	11	37	0
									AVG		G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
								San Antonio	279	61	215	37	60	4	2	5	21	11
								Albuquerque	300	73	257	42	77	9	3	8	45	7
								Pittsburgh	220	40	82	10	18	5	0	3	8	1
								Buffalo	276	63	221	37	61	15	3	2	30	1
7	Ripken, Bill	R	R	6-1	183	12/16/64 Havre de Grace, MD	Cockeysville, MD	Baltimore	207	150	512	52	106	18	1	2	34	8
8	Ripken, Cal	R	R	6-4	225	8/24/60 Havre de Grace, MD	Reisterstown, MD	Baltimore	264	161	575	87	152	25	1	23	81	2
13	Schu, Rick	R	R	6-0	194	1/26/62 Philadelphia, PA	Carmichael, PA	Baltimore	256	89	270	22	69	9	4	4	20	6
28	Traber, Jim	L	L	6-0	213	12/26/61 Columbus, OH	Columbia, MD	Baltimore	222	103	352	25	78	6	0	10	45	1
3	Worthington, Craig	R	R	6-0	190	4/17/65 Los Angeles, CA	Pico Rivera, CA	Rochester	285	38	144	17	41	10	0	6	23	2
								Rochester	244	121	430	53	105	25	1	16	73	3
								Baltimore	185	26	81	5	15	2	0	2	4	1
									AVG		G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
16	Anderson, Brady	L	L	6-1	186	1/18/64 Silver Spring, MD	Poway, CA	Bos.-Ball.	212	94	325	31	69	13	4	1	21	10
								Pawtucket	267	49	167	27	48	6	1	4	19	8
35	Bradley, Phil	R	R	6-0	185	3/11/59 Bloomington, IN	Columbia, MO	Philadelphia	264	154	569	77	150	30	5	11	56	11
								Rochester	270	77	274	44	74	13	2	7	49	11
								Baltimore	194	41	108	10	21	4	2	2	14	1
6	Orsulak, Joe	L	L	6-1	187	5/31/62 Glen Ridge, NJ	Timonium, MD	Baltimore	288	125	379	48	109	21	3	8	27	9
19	Sheets, Larry	L	R	6-3	236	12/6/59 Staunton, VA	Cockeysville, MD	Baltimore	230	136	452	38	104	19	1	10	47	1
								St. Maarten, Neth. Ant.	237	134	494	89	117	18	1	3	29	54
17	Stanicek, Pete	S	R	5-11	183	4/18/63 Harvey, IL	Park Forest, IL	Rochester	174	19	69	13	12	2	1	2	8	7
								Baltimore	230	83	261	29	60	7	1	4	17	12

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● Selecting a minor-league all-star team is not easy. And that's following the season. Imagine doing it before the cry of "Play ball!" Before the players have even gone to camp for spring training. But in the spirit of adventure five years ago, we offered a preview of the top minor leaguers of 1984. Among those for whom we predicted stardom were the obvious (Dwight Gooden) and the not so obvious (Sid Fernandez, Juan Nieves, Dion James).

Because major-league front offices shuttle players between the bigs and Triple A so often (the Yankees have worn out the highway between New York and Columbus), it's impossible to forecast how much time a club's top prospects may actually spend in Triple A during a given season. And there are injuries at the major-league level which cannot be factored in ahead of time. If all this were easy, though, it wouldn't be any fun. So here goes: the 1989 *Street & Smith's* All-Rookie team and the All-Minor League team. Two for the price of one.

There is an outstanding pitcher whose rapid rise last season mirrored that of Gooden in 1983. Kansas City's Tom "Flash" Gordon, the 1988 minor-league player of the year in the minds of some baseball people, struck out nearly 13 batters per nine innings and was a phenomenal 16-5 with a 1.67 earned-run average in A/AA/AAA stops en route to the Royals. The Cubs' Mike Harkey (9-2, 1.37 in the Eastern League) looks to be another can't-miss right-hander. Ditto for the Cardinals' Cris Carpenter (6-2, 2.87 in the American Association). If they all stick at the

major-league level, the All-Minors right-hander is the Orioles' Pete Harnisch (11-7, 2.45 in AA/AAA), who tied a Rochester single-game record by striking out 17 batters.

The All-Rookie left-handed starter is Randy Johnson. The tallest player in major-league history at 6-foot-10, Johnson was 8-7 and 3.26 in Triple A. He was far better with the Expos (3-0, 2.42), the club's only pitcher ever to win thrice in his first three appearances. The best lefty in the minors will be the Mets' Dave West, who led the International League in ERA (1.80) while winning 12 of 16 decisions. Cracking New York's rotation may take him another year, though.

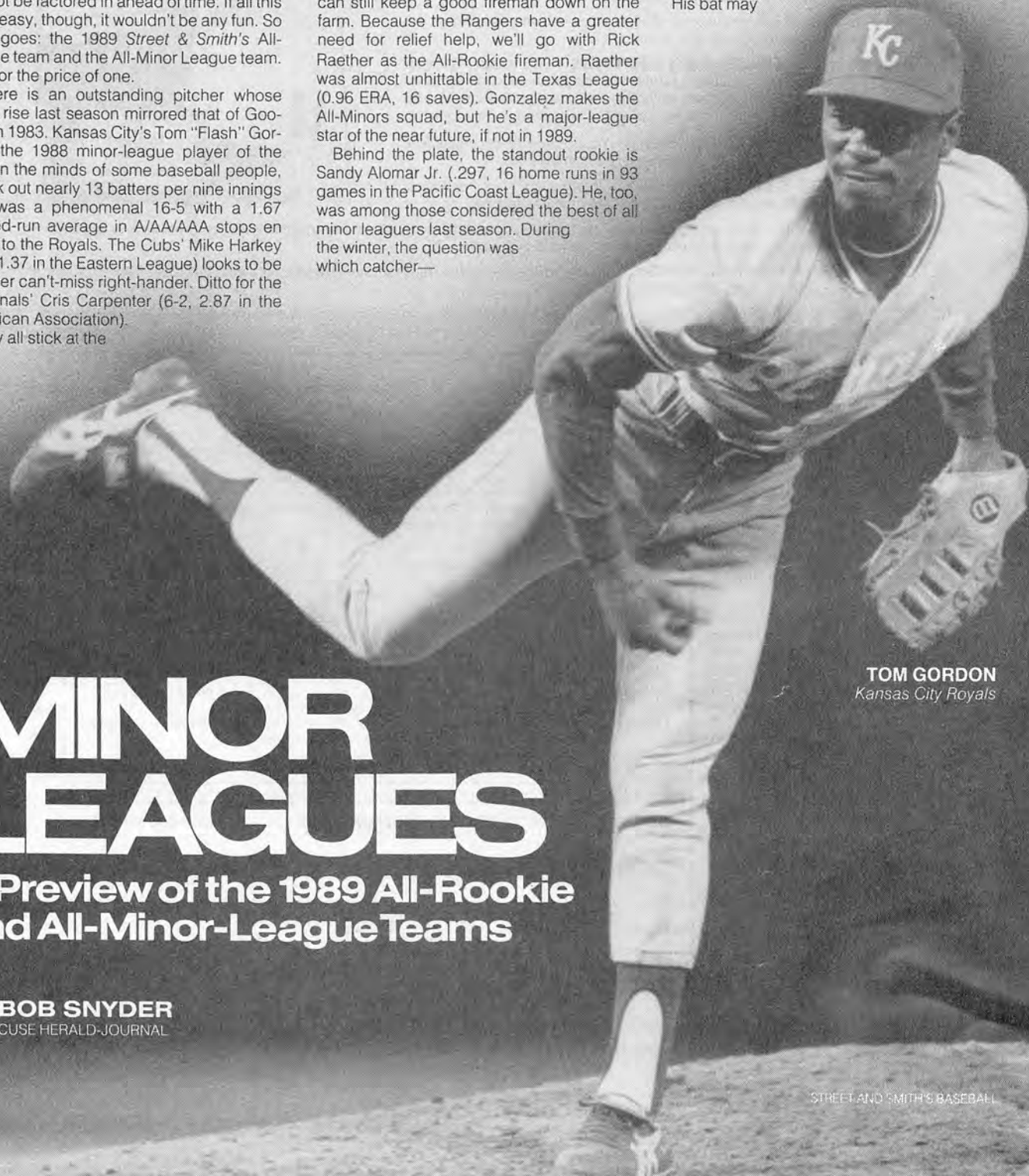
Out of the bullpen, the best young prospect may be the Twins' German Gonzalez, who set a Southern League record for saves (30) and had a 1.02 ERA. But Jeff Reardon can still keep a good fireman down on the farm. Because the Rangers have a greater need for relief help, we'll go with Rick Raether as the All-Rookie fireman. Raether was almost unhittable in the Texas League (0.96 ERA, 16 saves). Gonzalez makes the All-Minors squad, but he's a major-league star of the near future, if not in 1989.

Behind the plate, the standout rookie is Sandy Alomar Jr. (.297, 16 home runs in 93 games in the Pacific Coast League). He, too, was among those considered the best of all minor leaguers last season. During the winter, the question was which catcher—

Alomar or Benito Santiago—would the Padres trade? Minnesota won't deal Derek Parks. Despite a .235 average in the Southern League, he's the Twins' backstop of the future and the All-Minors catcher for '89.

Over at first base, we'll cheat just a bit. Ricky Jordan, who batted .308 in Triple A and in the majors in '88, played only 69 games for the Phillies. He's hardly a graybeard. And nobody else appears to be in his class. The All-Minors first baseman is Luis Delos Santos, a converted third baseman who led the American Association in RBIs (87). He isn't ready to move the Royals' George Brett into a permanent role as the designated hitter yet.

At second base, Mike Woodard was a star in the P.C.L. (.332, 10 triples). His bat may



TOM GORDON
Kansas City Royals

MINOR LEAGUES

A Preview of the 1989 All-Rookie and All-Minor-League Teams

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be too good to keep out of action with the White Sox. Like Woodard, Johnny Paredes (.295, 43 stolen bases for American Association champion Indianapolis) could find it difficult ousting the major-league incumbent, the Expos' Tom Foley. If Woodard and Paredes both stick in the bigs, the All-Minors choice is the Braves' Mark Lemke (.270, 16, 80 at Greenville), who was among the leaders in nearly every Southern League offensive category last season.

Gary Sheffield has been shuffled by the Brewers between shortstop and third base. But they may have to find a spot for him in '89. So Sheffield, who had eye-opening stats in AA/AAA (.327, 28, 119) and was another minor-league Player of the Year, is the choice for All-Rookie shortstop. Just as Sheffield has a relatively good reason to be in the majors (Gooden is his uncle), so All-Minors shortstop selection Juan Bell has a sibling relationship in the bigs. Brother George is the Blue Jays' power-hitting, often-pouting outfielder. Juan (.290 in the Texas and Pacific Coast Leagues), a key in the Orioles dealing Eddie Murray to the Dodgers, is the Birds' shortstop of the future. After all, Cal Ripken Jr. can't play every inning of every game at short forever, can he?

At third base, we must borrow a bit of big-league time, just as we did for Ricky Jordan at first. The All-Rookie team won't suit up without the Mets' Gregg Jefferies, who tore apart the National League in September after batting .282 for Tidewater in the Interna-

tional League. And because his glove is so good, we can't omit the Orioles' Craig Worthington, the I.L.'s Most Valuable Player notwithstanding a mere .244 batting average. With the Orioles' revolving door at third (34 players since Brooks Robinson retired, 28 since Doug DeCinces headed West), Worthington could stick. If so, the All-Minors choice is Hensley Meulens, who has power and a colorful nickname ("Bam Bam"). But he needs to make more contact before making the big jump to the Yankees.

There's rarely a shortage of good outfield prospects. In 1984, Kevin McReynolds, Joe Carter, and Albert Hall were rookies. In '89 come Steve Finley (Orioles), Cameron Drew (Astros), and Jerald Clark (Padres). Finley was the International League's leading hitter (.314) and its Rookie of the Year. Drew (.356) and Clark (.301) were stars in the P.C.L. They will be hard to hold back again in Triple A. So our All-Minors outfield includes the Dodgers' Mike Devereaux (.340 in the P.C.L.), the Tigers' Rob Richie (.309 in the Eastern League), and Boston's Carlos Quintana (.285 in the International League).

We mustn't leave out the designated hitter: power without a position. The All-Rookie DH is the Indians' Luis Medina, an outfielder/first base-type who was the home-run king (28) of Triple A (.310 in the P.C.L.). And although he has logged a year in the bigs, the All-Minors DH sat out 1988 with an injury. He is a long shot, perhaps, but Canadian native Larry Walker (59 HR in '86-87 at the A/AA

levels) cannot be discounted as a future member of the Expos.

Regardless of injuries, promotions, or other variables, most of these All-Rookie and All-Minors selections will see playing time in the majors in 1989. Some of them may even make your Rotisserie League rosters.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES

One of the reasons Rochester had its best year since 1976 and advanced to the Triple-A Alliance Championship series was left-handed-hitting outfielder Steve Finley. The International League's Rookie of the Year, Finley won the I.L. batting title (.314, 20 stolen bases). Despite a .244 average, third baseman Craig Worthington (16 HR, 73 RBI) was selected the league's Most Valuable Player. Worthington is a defensive dandy. Bob Milacki was the organization's minor-league player of the month in April while at Charlotte, and by May, won the same award in Rochester. His overall AA/AAA stats were 15-9, 2.61 with a 2:1 strikeout/walk ratio. But the player to watch in the O's chain is Pete Harnisch. He also climbed a notch during '88, but spent most of the season at Charlotte. The Southern League's top prospect had overall AA/AAA numbers of 11-7, 2.45, and 184 strikeouts last year. Harnisch tied a Rochester club mark with 17 strikeouts in a shutout victory. Including postseason play, his nine AAA starts produced four shutouts. In the Eddie Murray trade, the O's acquired shortstop Juan Bell (.290, 13, 66, 18 SB at

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San Antonio/Albuquerque). Outfielder Butch Davis (.301, 13, 82, 15 SB) won the Southern League batting crown. Gordon Dillard (7-5, 2.19) was runner-up in ERA among Southern League hurlers. Outfielder Gerry Holtz batted .281 and stole 17 bases at Charlotte, where lefty-swinging outfielder Rafel Skeete hit just .236 but stole 50 bases. The O's drafted Mike Smith (9-10, 3.20 at Chattanooga) from the Reds' organization. Future prospects: Mike Eberle was the Carolina League's all-star catcher not so much for his bat (.244, 74 RBI) but for his defense (just six errors in 112 games). Lefty-swinging designated hitter/first baseman Dave Bettendorf was second among Carolina League batters with a .327 average. The No. 1 pick in '88, Gregg Olson, lost his only AA decision, but was 1-1, 3.27 in 10 appearances with the Birds. He worked on a changeup in the Instructional League.

BOSTON RED SOX

There really wasn't all that much down on the farm, at least not at the AAA/AA levels. Carlos Quintana (.285, 16, 66 at Pawtucket) had an all-star season in the International League. Luis Vasquez put together some impressive strikeout/walk numbers at New Britain/Pawtucket, where his overall record was 8-13, but his ERA was sub-3.00, and he struck out 170 while walking just 43 in 187 innings. Lefty-swinging DH Sam Horn was thought to be a legitimate long-ball threat at the big-league level. But in 1988 he was an

AAA bust (.233, 10 HR, 82 whiffs in 279 AB at Pawtucket). Future prospects: the Sox have plenty of those. At Lynchburg in '88 there were a number of Carolina League all-stars: lefty-hitting third baseman Scott Cooper (.298, franchise-record 73 RBI, 45 doubles), Mickey Pina (.273), who led the league in home runs (21), RBIs (108), and outfield assists (22) en route to being named player of the year; outfielder Bob Zupcic (.297, 13, 97), and lefty-swinging first baseman Jim Orsag (.324, 12, 69, 24 SB). Also, reliever Jeff Plympton (5-4, 2.60, 12 saves) fanned 105 in 83 innings, Dan Gabriele was 10-6, 2.93, and reliever Billy Bartels (6-8, 3.40) notched 18 saves, all at Lynchburg.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS

You've got to say one thing about outfielder Dante Bichette. He hasn't seen a pitch he didn't like. In 50 plate appearances with the Angels in September (.261), he didn't walk once. And at Edmonton (.267, 14, 81), where he produced 53 extra-base hits, he walked just 25 times in 132 games. Despite a 5.92 ERA, Mike Fetters was 8-8 in AA at Midland, earning a promotion to Triple A. In the Pacific Coast League, Fedders was 2-0, 1.93 at Edmonton. A pair of Texas League all-star infielders were third baseman Jeff Manto (.301, 24, 101), who was voted the league's Most Valuable Player, and first baseman/outfielder Jim McCollom (.343, 20, 75, 13 SB), who won the batting title. Lefty-swinging outfielder/first baseman Lee Ste-

vens produced stats of .297, 23, 76 in AA. Future prospects: by far the most intriguing is southpaw Jim Abbott, the 1987 Sullivan Award winner whose handicap (no right hand) didn't keep the Angels from making him their first pick in the '88 draft. He hurled the United States to Olympic gold in Seoul. Now the ex-Michigan hurler starts on the pro road to Anaheim. Lefty Colin Charland (17-5, 2.51) rebounded from a down year in '87 to lead the California League in victories, complete 12 of 27 starts, and strike out 183 batters for Palm Springs. Switch-hitting second baseman/outfielder Ruben Amaro (.266, 42 SB, 105 walks at Palm Springs) comes from big-league stock. And lefty first baseman Paul Sorrento (.286, 14, 99, 109 walks) had a solid season in A ball.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

In 1987, lefty-swinging outfielder Lance Johnson was rated the premier prospect in the American Association. Traded by St. Louis, he had a banner year in the Pacific Coast League with Chicago's AAA club at Vancouver (.307, 49 stolen bases). But while up with the Sox, he was just a .185 hitter in 124 ABs. The jury is still out on Johnson, who can really fly. Lefty-hitting second baseman Mike Woodard (.332, 10 triples, 18 SB) earned P.C.L. all-star honors last season. Adam Peterson was 14-7, 3.32 at Vancouver. Outfielder Carlos Martinez (.277; 14, 73, 24 SB at Birmingham) received Southern League all-star recognition. Second base-

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man Craig Grebeck (.280) had a solid year in Double A. Southpaw Tom Drees was 9-7, 2.79 in the S.L. Future prospects: Jerry Kutzler had a nine-game winning streak en route to a fine year at Tampa (16-7, 2.79). The Florida State League all-star rightly led the league in victories and he throws strikes. Southpaw Ravelo Manzanillo (10-6, 3.04 in the F.S.L.) struck out 140 batters in 130 innings. Left-hander Buddy Groom was 13-10 and 2.54 at Tampa.

CLEVELAND INDIANS

Outfielder/first baseman Luis Medina (.310, 28 HR, 81 RBI in AAA) is pure slugger. His .616 slugging percentage at Colorado Springs suggests as much. So does the fact he led all Triple A hitters in the homer department. Named to the Triple A all-stars, Medina poked his first two major-league HRs in the same Yankee Stadium contest off ol' man river, Tommy John. With the Indians, Medina (.255, 6 HR in 51 at-bats) proved to everyone he could hit the long ball at the highest level. Third baseman Eddie Williams (.301, 12 HR) batted .300 for the first time in his career. Lefty Jeff Kaiser (3-2, 3.74, 6 saves in the Pacific Coast League) made three appearances for the Tribe without allowing a run. But the top mound prospects are Mike Walker and southpaw reliever Kevin Wickander. Walker (15-7, 3.72, 145 strikeouts in 164.1 innings at Williamsport) led the Eastern League in wins, whiffs, and innings worked. Wickander dominated the first half of the E.L. season. He finished all 24 of his relief stints, recorded 16 saves, won his lone decision, and posted a striking ERA of 0.63. He allowed just 14 hits in 28.2 innings, fanning 33. Promoted to AAA, he lost his two decisions and was bounced around. Lefty-swinging Tom Lampkin (.273 at Williamsport/Colorado Springs) was voted the best defensive catcher in the Eastern League. Despite losing 17 straight, Jeff Shaw (5-19 at Williamsport) had a 3.63 ERA and rates highly. Future prospects: Carolina League champion Kinston had a number of players to watch. All-stars included southpaw reliever Kevin Bearer (10-8, 1.31, 22 saves, 127 Ks and 28 walks in 103 innings, just one HR allowed), lefty-swinging first baseman Mike Twardoski (.322, 87 RBI, 21 SB), a good glove; lefty-hitting shortstop Ever Magallanes (.263), and another left-handed hitter, outfielder Mike Westbrook (.299, 34 SB).

DETROIT TIGERS

Steve Searcy was the most valuable pitcher in the International League. Bouncing back from a broken kneecap in 1987, he put together a stellar '88 season: 13-7, 2.59 ERA at Toledo, where he struck out 176 batters in 170 innings. Searcy was roughed up in Detroit, tossing three gopher balls in eight innings and losing both his decisions. But he is an aggressive pitcher who should make the grade in the bigs this year. Outfielder Rob Richie made tremendous progress in '88. Named the Most Valuable Player in the Eastern League, Richie batted .309, had 14 HRs, 82 RBIs, and stole 24 bases for pennant-winning Glens Falls. E.L. all-star catcher Chris Hoiles (.283, 17, 73) was another reason Glens Falls won a flag. Two others were most valuable pitcher Cesar Mejia (14-

5, 2.43) and all-star lefty Ken Williams (11-7, 3.61). Also, relievers Shawn Holman (8-3, 1.87, 10 saves), Paul Wensink (8-5, 2.04, 5 saves), and Robert Link (5-7, 2.81, 13 saves) had fine AA years. Future prospects: as a 19-year-old, switch-hitting all-star outfielder Milt Cuyler (.296, 50 SB at Lakeland) impressed a lot of folks in the Florida State League. Phil Clark (.298, 66 RBI, 16 SB) was the F.S.L. all-star catcher. Selected as all-star hurlers were Darren Hursey (15-8, 2.39) and Greg Everson (7-6, 2.01, 17 saves).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Small package. Big fastball. Rapid rise to the top. Another co-Minor League Player of the Year. That summarizes Tom Gordon, who was nothing short of devastating as he climbed the ladder from A to AA to AAA last season. And while the 5-9, 160-pound right-hander was 0-2, 5.17 with the Royals at season's end, he still fanned 18 major leaguers in 15.2 innings. In the minors, at Appleton/Memphis/Omaha, his statistics were incredible: 16-5, 1.67 ERA, 263 strikeouts in 185.2 innings (12.8 per 9 innings), and a mere 96 hits allowed. Gordon, just 21, figures to work his outstanding curve ball into K.C.'s starting rotation. Luis Delos Santos led the American Association in hitting much of the year, winding up third at .307 with a league-leading 87 RBIs. Moving from third to first base, Delos Santos found a position. After a 2-6 start at Memphis, fastball/slider pitcher Jose DeJesus wound up 9-9, 3.88 with 149 strikeouts (second in the Southern League) in just 116 innings. Overall at Memphis/Omaha, he was 11-12 with 206 Ks in 165.2 innings. An overpowering Todd Worrell-type reliever is what DeJesus may become. Other hurlers making their marks in 1988 were Toronto castoff Luis Aquino (8-3, 2.85 at Omaha; 1-0, 2.79 in 29 innings for K.C.), Matt Crouch (8-5, 2.92, 110 Ks and 36 walks in 114 innings in AA), little lefty Israel Sanchez (7-4, 2.91 in AAA), who was 3-2 with K.C., and Mel Stottlemire Jr. (3-2, 2.40 in seven starts at Memphis). K.C. acquired a fine catching prospect in Rey Palacios (.230 at Toledo). Outfielder Gary Thurman (.251, 35 SB in AAA) had a 40-steal season, including time with K.C. in which he hit just .167. Future prospects: reliever Aguedo Vasquez set a Florida State League record with 33 saves, second-best in minor-league history. Vasquez was 3-2, 1.67 in 67 appearances for Baseball City. Battery mate Carlos Escalera (.251, 13 SB) was another all-star.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

Is Gary Sheffield ready to join uncle Doc—Dwight Gooden—as a major-league star? Does he need to start the year in Triple A? Well, the indicators are that it's time for Sheffield in the Show. He's been highly acclaimed since the Brewers made him their No. 1 pick in 1986. Last season, he climbed the AA/AAA ladder to the bigs. And in the minors, he was sensational. At El Paso, he batted .314, had 19 homers, and drove in 65 runs in the Texas League, where he was selected the all-star shortstop. Promoted to Denver, where he was shifted to third base, his numbers in the American Association were .344, 9, 54. Collectively, he hit .327, had 28 HRs, 119 RBIs, and stole 13 bases—numbers worthy of being named co-Minor

League Player of the Year. With the Brewers, Sheffield batted .238, homered four times in 24 games, and played short. Regardless of the position he plays in '89, you can bet it'll be in Milwaukee. Lefty-swinging outfielder Lavelle Freeman (.318) led the American Association in batting. Denver DH German Rivera (.300, 21, 87) had an all-star year in AAA. Outfielder Greg Vaughn (.301, 28, 105, 22 SB) did just about everything in all-star fashion for El Paso. Lefty-swinging Mario Monico (.342) just missed winning the Texas League batting crown. Switch-hitting second baseman Frank Mattox (.290, 24 SB) earned all-star status in the T.L. Lefty-hitting outfielder Matias Carrillo (.298, 12 HR) had a good year in Double A. Future prospects: Stockton won 94 games in the California League and excellent pitching was a big reason. Notably, Jaime Navarro (15-5, 3.09), all-star Steve Monson (14-3, 2.87, 157 Ks in 160 innings), and lefty Narciso Elvira (7-6, 2.93, 161 Ks and only 87 hits allowed in 135 innings). Lefty-swinging shortstop Bill Spillers, the Brewers' No. 1 pick in '87, batted .269 and stole 27 bases in the California League, where catcher Tim McIntosh (.283, 15, 92) was an all-star.

MINNESOTA TWINS

Although Portland won 31 more games than it did the year before, the Twins' Pacific Coast League club was not one with prospects. Orlando was another story altogether: a losing team with plenty of future big-leaguers. Only 20, catcher Derek Parks has been thought of for a couple of years as heir apparent for the Twins' No. 1 backstop job. An aggressive performer, he batted a modest .235 last season and once again exhibited a strong arm and improved defensive skills. Reliever German Gonzalez was considered by some to be the outstanding pitcher in the S.L. In 50 appearances, his 30 saves set a league record, and his 1.02 ERA (2-1 mark) plus 67 strikeouts and only 41 hits allowed in 61.2 innings show how dominant he was. His many release points make him particularly tough for hitters to figure out. In 16 appearances with Minny, he fanned 19 in 21.1 innings and notched a save. Lefty-swinging outfielder Rafael DeLima was second in S.L. batting (.286), stole 29 bases, and can run down the ball. Other pitchers who impressed at Orlando in 1988 included Mike Dyer (11-13, 3.94), Park Pittman (8-7, 3.82), who fanned one per inning, and lefty Larry Casian (9-9, 2.95). Balvino Galvez was the one rookie hopeful who made a mark at Portland (11-7, 3.77) after he won his two decisions in Orlando. Lefty-swinging second baseman Chip Hale (.261, 11 HR) had a good year in AA. Future prospects: southpaw Jimmy Williams (3-4, 3.71, 12 saves at Visalia), who could be a bullpen sleeper because the Twins lack lefty relievers. Also, catcher/Midwest League MVP Lenny Webster (.288, 11, 87 at Kenosha), speedster Jarvis Brown (.294, 72 SB at Kenosha), Paul Abbott (11-9, 4.18, 205 Ks in 172.1 innings at Visalia), who has trouble finding the plate; '87 top draft pick Willie Banks (10-10, 3.73 at Kenosha), whose fastball is said to have been clocked at 100 mph but who lacks control; third baseman Frank Valdez (.278, 25 SB at Kenosha), and lefty-swinging first

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MINOR LEAGUES

baseman Paul Sorrento (.286, 14, 99, 109 walks at Palm Springs), who was acquired from the California organization.

NEW YORK YANKEES

The New York-Columbus shuttle makes it tough to assess the Triple A talent in the Yankee organization. The players are rarely around the International League long enough. But Randy Velarde (.270 at Columbus) was the league's all-star shortstop. And catcher Bob Geren (.271) earned I.L. honors. Velarde had a longer taste of the bigs, batting .174 in 115 at-bats with the Yanks. Scott Neilsen (13-6, league's No. 2 ERA of 2.40) and lefty Lee Guetterman (9-6, 2.76) each were 1-2 with New York. Southpaw Hipolito Pena (7-6, 3.87, 3 saves, 109 strikeouts in 105 innings in AAA) was 1-1, 3.14 with N.Y. The top prospect, however, is a young third baseman from Curacao. They call him Bam Bam. Hensley Meulens, the No. 1 prospect in the Eastern League last season despite a .245 average, has plenty of Bam in his bat. He hit 13 homers in 278 at-bats in AA, then a half dozen in 209 ABs at Columbus, where he batted .230. He fanned 157 times during 1988. So, yes, there are holes in his swing. Lefty-swinging Kevin Maas (.271, 28, 90 in A/AA) was the Yankees' minor-league Player of the Year. David Eiland was 9-5, 2.56 in AA. Future prospects: outfielder Bernie Williams (.338, 29 SB at Prince William) led the Carolina League in batting and was considered its top prospect despite missing the last 48 games with a fractured wrist. Designated hitter Mitch Lyden (.282, 17 HR in A ball) has good pop. Reliever Darrin Chapin (6-4, 0.86, 15 saves at Fort Lauderdale) had a 3:1 ratio in strikeouts/walks.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Switch-hitting outfielder Felix Jose has a pretty good bat (.317, 12, 83 at Tacoma). He also stole 16 bases. And he was 2-for-6 with the A's. As bad a ball club as Tacoma was (20 games under .500), Oakland's Double A team at Huntsville of the Southern League was worse (26 under). But singles' hitter Mike Bordick (.270), a middle infielder, was an all-star. Joe Law pitched well in AA (9-3, 2.56) and was 5-3, 3.93 in Triple A. Future prospects: Modesto (Class A California League) was 34 games under .500. But that team included DH Ron Coomer (.279, 17, 85). And at Beloit (a mere eight under .500 in the Midwest League), reliever Mark Chapman (2-5, 1.81) recorded 26 saves and fanned 107 batters in 95 innings. Teammate Leonardo Perez was 10-8, 2.05 and averaged a strikeout per inning. At Madison, Jose Canseco's twin brother, Ozzie, hit .273 (12 HR, 68 RBI). Could there be a fourth straight American League Rookie of the Year here for the A's?

SEATTLE MARINERS

Erik Hanson turned his whole season around in 1988, and because of that he may find his way into the rotation of the Mariners, who need all the help they can get. The 6-6 righty, a second-round pick in '86 out of Wake Forest, lost his first five decisions for Calgary of the P.C.L. His ERA was in the plus-eight. By season's end, he was 12-7, 4.23, 154 strikeouts in 162 innings. And he tossed a no-hitter against Las Vegas, then

was 2-2, 3.24 with the big club. All-star third baseman Edgar Martinez (.363) won the P.C.L. batting crown. Lefty-swinging outfielder Greg Briley (.313, 27 SB at Calgary) had a solid AAA year. The M's acquired a legitimate long-ball hitter when they dealt with the Yankees for outfielder Jay Buhner (.256, 8 HR in 129 ABs at Columbus). During big-league duty with N.Y. and the M's, he batted only .215 and whiffed 93 times in 261 ABs. But he homered 13 times and had 9 assists in 81 games. Omar Vizquel (.253, 30 SB at Vermont) was the Eastern League's all-star shortstop. He earned a promotion to AAA. Also in AA, Clint Zavaras (10-7, 3.92) fanned 120 in 129 innings; Greg Brinkman was 11-7, 2.46, the third-lowest ERA in the league; Dave McCorkle was 7-10, 3.00; and fireman Mark Wooden (8-5, 3.36) posted 21 saves, second-best in the E.L. Future prospects: he came from big-league stock, and lefty-swinging outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. won't take long before he's in the bigs. Last year's top prospect in the California League (.338, 11 HR in 219 ABs, 32 steals, .575 slugging at San Bernardino), Griffey had a promotion to AA delayed by a back injury. Later, with Vermont, he hit .279 in 61 ABs. Lefty first baseman Jim Bowie had a big year for San Bernardino (.293, 15, 102).

TEXAS RANGERS

There's little expectation by the Rangers of receiving help from rookies off last year's Triple A club at Oklahoma City. But their AA club (Texas League champion Tulsa) offers some legitimate big-league candidates. Kevin Brown made a great turnaround during 1988. He'd been 1-11 the year before, and was 2-7 at one point during last season. He wound up 12-10, 3.51 ERA, and was a Texas League all-star who split a pair of decisions with the Rangers. He could crack the big club's rotation. Texas League all-star catcher Chad Kreuter, a switch hitter, is excellent defensively and comes off his finest year with the bat (.265). He also hit .275 in 51 at-bats with the parent club. All-star southpaw Steve Wilson was second in the league in victories (15-7, 3.16), the most by a Tulsa pitcher since 1981. Lefty-swinging DH/outfielder Kevin Reimer has good power (.302, 21, 76 at Tulsa). Southpaw John Barfield was 9-9, 2.88 in AA. And Rick Raether (4-1, 0.96, 16 saves) put together a string of 37.1 innings over 33 appearances, from late April until mid-August, in which he did not allow an earned run. Future prospects: outfielder Juan Gonzalez (.256 in A ball) possesses speed and power but was hampered by injuries in '88. Outfielder Sam Sosa batted only .229 at Charlotte (Florida State League), but led the F.S.L. in triples (12) and topped the organization in steals (42). Third baseman Dean Palmer's season was curtailed by injury but he hit .266 in the F.S.L. Rey Sanchez (.306, 29 SB) was the F.S.L.'s all-star shortstop and second in the league in batting; DH/outfielder Brant Alyea (.300, 25, 98 at Gastonia) led the South Atlantic League in RBIs, the most by a Texas minor leaguer since '83. And hard-throwing southpaw Wilson Alvarez earned a late-season promotion to AAA despite a 4-11 record at Gastonia. In A ball, his ERA was 2.98 and he struck out 134 (tops among Texas farm hands) in 127 innings. Just 19, he has excellent control.

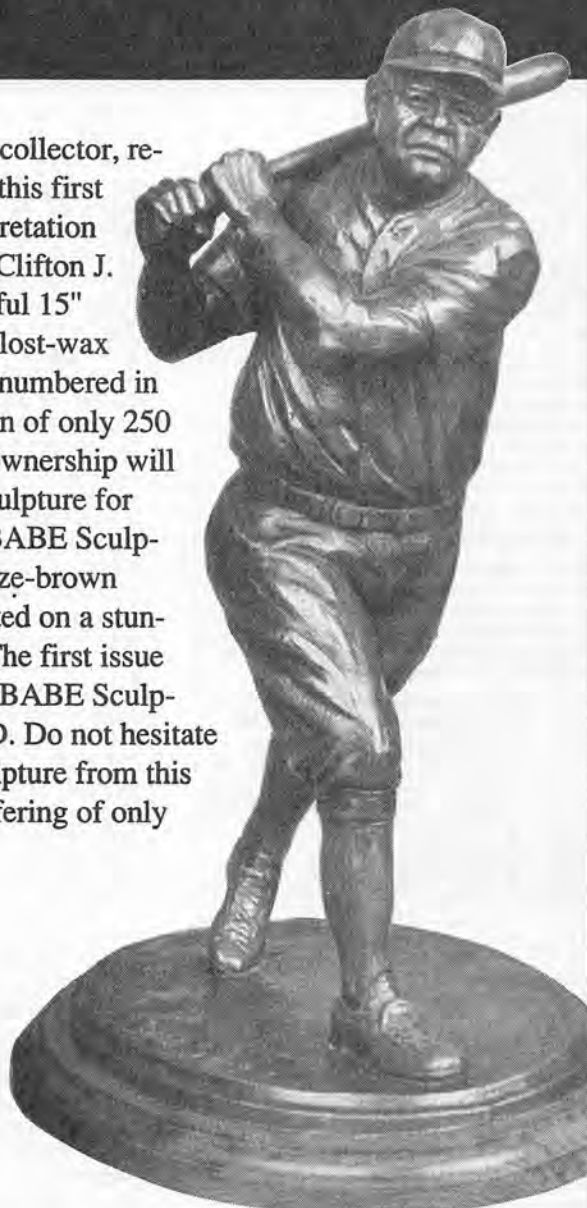
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MINOR LEAGUES

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

Lefty-swinging outfielder Rob Ducey has been one the Blue Jays have hoped would be in Exhibition Stadium by now. And why not? He's a Canadian. Although he batted a modest .256 in 90 AAA games at Syracuse, he made the most of 54 ABs as a defensive replacement for the Jays (.315 in 27 games) and could crack the parent club's lineup. Even if he starts the season in the International League, where he spent the latter part of 1988, former first-round draftee Alex Sanchez (16-8, 2.83 at Knoxville/Syracuse) ought to find his way north of the border during '89. He walked too many in AAA (43 in 57.2 innings), but for the year he issued 117 walks and whiffed 223 in 207 innings. And he allowed just 147 hits. He was joined on the Southern League all-stars by battery mate Francisco Cabrera (.284 at Knoxville), a strapping receiver who popped 20 homers. Todd Stottlemire, son of the ex-Yankee pitcher and current Mets' pitching coach Mel Stottlemire, may need a bit more time in AAA. Last season, he was outstanding in the I.L. (5-0, 2.05) but had problems with the Jays (4-8, 5.69). Jose Nunez (5-4, 2.90 in AAA) pitched well for the Jays, had a 1.08 ERA in his two starts. Alex Infante (.300, 21 stolen bases in 97 games in AAA) has a shot at the utility infielder's job. Lefty-swinging catcher Greg Myers (.283, 7 HR in 120 AAA at-bats) was sidelined most of '88. Lefty Tony Castillo went from A ball to the bigs without flinching in '88. A combined 5-3, 1.24, 14 saves with a strikeout/walk ratio of 5:1 at Dunedin/Knoxville, Castillo fanned 14 and walked just two in 15 big-league innings and was 1-0, 3.00. Steve Cummings (14-11, 2.75 in AA) was the anchor of Knoxville's staff, working 212.2 innings. A late-season injury curtailed lefty Dennis Jones's pitching at Knoxville (8-4, 2.58), where Juan Guzman was 4-5, 2.36, 6 saves, and swift, switch-hitting outfielder Junior Felix (.253) stole 40 bases. Darren Hall (3-2, 2.23 in AA) saved 17 games for Knoxville after starting in A ball. Outfielder Kevin Batiste can fly (38 SB) but hit only .233 in AA/AAA. Future prospects: outfielder Derek Bell wears a can't-miss label. He was the premier player in the South Atlantic League (.344, 12, 60, 18 SB at Myrtle Beach) before going up to AA ball, where he batted .250. Other S.A.L. all-stars were Jimmy Rogers (18-4, 3.35, 198 strikeouts), shortstop Luis Sojo (.289, 14 SB), and lefty Dennis Boucher (13-12, 2.84), who was bothered more by balks (21) than by batters.

ATLANTA BRAVES

When John Smoltz was called up to Atlanta, he was considered by many to be the International League's top prospect. He'd posted a 10-5 mark, 2.79 earned-run average, and had a 3:1 ratio in strikeouts/walks at Richmond. He lost 7 of 9 big-league decisions, but figures to be in the Braves' rotation. Shortstop Jeff Blauser was improving from a disappointing 1987 season until a broken finger cut short his play. He batted .284 in AAA. .239 in 67 at-bats with the Braves. Southpaw Derek Lilliquist (10-12, 3.38 at Richmond) won't overpower hitters, but he knows how to pitch. Joe Boever (6-3, 2.14, 22 saves) was the I.L. Fireman of the Year. And though he lost a pair of decisions with the Braves (he had a save), his 1.77 ERA and just one walk in 20.1 innings were

spectacular stats. He already has a year in the bigs. Switch-hitting second baseman Mark Lemke (.270, 16 HR, 80 RBI, 18 stolen bases at Greenville) was a Southern League all-star, the leader in hits (153), and near the top in the most offensive categories. He reminds the Braves of Glenn Hubbard the way he turns the double play, and could battle for a starting job. He hit .224 in 58 ABs with the big club. Dave Miller was a combined 16-10, 3.50 at Greenville/Richmond. Gary Eave (5-9, 3.56 in AAA) and Tommy Greene (7-17, 4.77 at Richmond) aren't that far away. Lefty-hitting outfielders Barry Jones (.284, 16 HR in AA, .278 in 126 at-bats in AAA) and Dave Justice (.238, 17 HR at Greenville/Richmond) are knocking on the door. Outfielder Geronimo Berroa (.260 at Syracuse) was hot early, cold thereafter as a Toronto Triple A farm hand in '88 and came over in the winter draft. Outfielder Dennis Hood (.257, 14 HR, 30 SB in AA) has the defense but could use more power. First baseman/outfielder Drew Denson (.268, 13, 78 in AA) gave up switch hitting. Third baseman Ed Whited (.252, 16 HR, 18 SB in AA) has pop and an improved glove. Catcher Matt Stark (.266, 11 HR at Knoxville) is another draft pick from the Blue Jays. Future prospects: southpaw Kent Mercker (11-4, 2.68, 159 Ks in 127.2 innings at Durham) was the Carolina League pitcher of the year, then 3-1, 3.35 in AA. Southpaw Steve Avery was the No. 3 pick overall in the '88 June draft. In his pro debut, he was 7-1, 1.50, 80 Ks in 66 innings. Danny Weems was 13-8, 3.29 at Durham.

CHICAGO CUBS

Who has more first-round draft picks on the verge of becoming impact players in the major leagues than the Cubs? Ready to establish himself in the parent club's starting rotation is Mike Harkey, who was the Eastern League's top pitching prospect at midseason (9-2, 1.37) and was considered the American Association's premier prospect by season's end. Although he lost his three decisions with the Cubs, he had a 2.60 ERA after being a combined 16-4, 2.41 at Pittsfield/Iowa. In his second AAA start, he tossed a one-hitter. Harkey's rise has been dramatic. He was the Cubs' top pick in the 1987 draft. Lefty-swinging outfielder Derrick May ('86 draft) batted .305 at Winston-Salem, was on the big club's winter roster, and is the son of ex-big leaguer Dave May. First-rounders from '85 were Rafael Palmeiro, a Cubs' regular in '88 but dealt during the off-season, and 6-9 David Masters, who tied an Iowa club record for victories (14-8, 5.22 ERA). Lefty Drew Hall ('84 draft) already has a year of big-league service. Last season, he set an Iowa record for saves (19) while going 4-3, 2.34 and splitting a pair of decisions with the Cubs. And there's Ty Griffin (class of '88), the switch-hitting second baseman who led Team USA in pre-Olympic Games batting (.445) and established an Atlantic Coast Conference record by stealing 127 bases in 140 career tries at Georgia Tech. Among the top 10 hitters in the American Association who played for Iowa were all-star catcher Bill Bathe, the league's No. 2 hitter (.312), infielder/outfielder Dave Meier (.305, 20, 83), switch-hitting outfielder Doug Dascenzo (.295, 30 SB), lefty-swinging first baseman Phil Stephenson (.293, 22, 81), and lefty-hitting outfielder Dwight Smith

(.293, 25 SB). Second baseman Eric Yelding (.250, 59 SB at Syracuse) was a winter draft acquisition. Fireman Dean Wilkins (5-7, 1.63 at Pittsfield) established an Eastern League record with his 26 saves. Outfielder Jerome Walton (.331, 41 SB) led the E.L. in batting. Catcher Joe Girardi (.272 in AA) led Eastern loop backstops by throwing out 46.8 percent of those trying to steal. Future prospects: Bill Kazmierczak (14-5, 2.68 at Winston-Salem/Pittsfield) and Shawn Boskie (12-7, 3.39 in the Carolina League).

CINCINNATI REDS

The year before, he failed to cash in on a Triple A opportunity at Omaha. But last year at Nashville, lefty-hitting outfielder Van Snider came through. Despite a 4-for-36 finish, after a 16-game hitting streak was snapped, Snider wound up batting .290, driving in 73 runs, and leading the American Association in home runs (23) and total bases (259). And his throwing arm was considered at least the equal of all others in the league. Also selected an American Association all-star was southpaw Norm Charlton (11-10, 3.02, league-leading 161 strikeouts). Jack Armstrong (5-5, 3.00 at Nashville), like Charlton, enjoyed a strikeout/walk ratio of 3:1. Left-handed-hitting second baseman Lenny Harris (.277) led the AAA loop with 45 stolen bases. Robbie Dibble (2-1, 2.31 in AAA) had 13 saves and 41 strikeouts in 35 innings. Outfielder Rolando Roomes (.301, 16, 66, 15 steals at Iowa) comes over from the Cubs. The Chattanooga Lookouts won

the Southern League championship. They did it primarily with pitching. The staff ERA was the league's lowest. One reason was all-star southpaw Chris Hammond, who led the S.L. in victories and ERA (16-5, 1.72) while allowing just six hits per nine innings. Other reasons included Keith Brown, who was outstanding at both the AA/AAA levels (15-4, 1.68); relievers Tim Dietz (3-5, 2.31, 12 saves) and Joe Bruno (7-3, 1.21, 3), Scott Scudder, whose A/AA exploits at Cedar Rapids/Chattanooga (combined 14-3, 2.41, 178 strikeouts in 172 innings) make him someone to be watched; lefty Joe Lazor (11-7, 3.51), fireman Jim Jefferson (3-3, 2.95, 10 saves), and Brad Brusky (1-4 in A ball, but 2-2, 2.10, 4 saves in AA). Lefty-hitting outfielder Brian Finley (.273, 30 SB) had a good year in Double A. Future prospects: surely Scudder is one. Also, Cedar Rapids southpaw mound mate Butch Henry (16-2, 2.26), lefty-hitting Midwest League all-star first baseman Reggie Jefferson (.288, 18, 89), switch-hitting speedster Ramon Sambo (.253, 98 SB in A ball), and Cedar Rapids reliever Bill Dodd (6-4, 2.07, 11 saves, 103 Ks in 78 innings).

HOUSTON ASTROS

Left-handed-hitting outfielder Cameron Drew earned Pacific Coast League all-star honors by batting .356 in 97 games, during which he drove in 70 runs and stole 18 bases. He was hitting .373 when sidelined most of July/August with tendinitis in his knees. Catcher Craig Biggio (.320, 19 SB in

77 games at Tucson in his first full season), the Astros' No.1 pick in the 1987 draft, hit just .211 with 29 strikeouts in 123 at-bats for the big club. Outfielder John Fishel had a pretty good year in the P.C.L. (.261, 18 HR, 11 SB). He was sent to the Yankees in the Rick Rhoden deal. Lefty-hitting outfielder Louie Meadows (.254 in AAA) exhibited good speed by stealing 20 bases and having nine triples in just 85 games. Fireman Brian Meyer (4-3, 2.27 in Double A) set a club record with 25 saves at Columbus. Meyer, who also saved 25 games the year before, has a career minor-league ERA of 1.99. And in eight relief stints with the '88 Astros, his ERA was 1.46. Southpaw Terry Wells (5-5, 4.57 at Columbus) battled wildness in Double A while fanning 109 in 108 innings. Well-traveled second baseman Craig Smajstrla (.310, 28 SB) put together a 24-game hitting streak. Third baseman Carlos Colombino (.285, 10 SB) was a Southern League all-star. Future prospects: look to the outfield. In A ball last season at Osceola, where the Houston farm hands set a Florida State League record by stealing 354 bases, lefty-hitting Karl Rhodes (.283) and Bert Hunter (.233) stole 64 and 53 bases, respectively. That's running in place compared with F.S.L. all-star second baseman Lou Frazier (.235), whose club-record 87 steals gave him a two-year total of 162. F.S.L. all-star first baseman Mike Simms (.243) had 16 homers and 73 RBIs. For power, though, keep track of Eric Anthony (.273,

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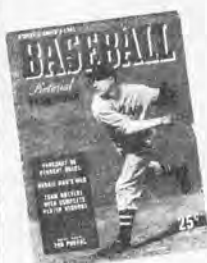
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29, 89 at Asheville). The South Atlantic League all-star outfielder was just fooling around a batting cage one day, challenging guys taking BP that he could hit the ball farther than they. He did, and the Astros' Reggie Waller was there to see it. During the offseason, Anthony takes 500-600 swings daily in the Astrodome. In a few years, he may be playing there.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Ramon Martinez made the big jump from AA to AAA to the majors in 1988. At San Antonio/Albuquerque the lean righty with the big fastball was a combined 13-6, 2.57, with 138 strikeouts in 154 innings. William Brennan was 14-8, 3.82 in the Pacific Coast League. Mike Devereaux, considered the best defensive outfielder in the P.C.L., batted .340 with 13 homers and 76 RBIs at Albuquerque. Devereaux was joined on the P.C.L. all-stars by southpaw Bill Kreuger, the league's top winner and ERA champ (15-5, 3.01). Mike Sharperson, a former International League all-star at Syracuse, can play three infield positions and had a good year (.319, 19 SB) at Albuquerque before going up to the Dodgers. First baseman Tracy Woodson (.319, 17, 73 in AAA) also got a late-season call from L.A. When he gets his slider over, southpaw Mike Munoz (7-2, 1.00, 14 saves, 71 Ks in 72 innings, 56 games at San Antonio) can be extremely tough coming out of the pen against left-handed hitters. Texas League all-star berths went to outfielder Mike Huff (.304, 10 triples, 33 SB) and versatile Domingo Michel (.330, 15 SB). Future prospects: the Dodgers had a pair of Class A batting champs in lefty-swinging catcher/DH Adam Brown in the California League (.352, 80 RBI at Bakersfield) and left-handed-hitting outfielder Mike White in the Florida State League (.340, 11 triples, 14 SB at Vero Beach). Chris Nichting (11-4, 2.09 at Vero Beach) had his season shortened by a tender shoulder, but was considered the F.S.L.'s top prospect. Lefty-hitting third baseman Dave Hansen (.291, 81 RBI) had an all-star year at Vero Beach.

MONTREAL EXPOS

A self-inflicted hand injury caused baseball's tallest player to have other than a fabulous year. But southpaw Randy Johnson (8-7, 3.26 at Indianapolis) was one of the American Association's premier prospects to make it to the bigs in 1988. With the Expos, he seemed to have cured much of his control problems, won his three decisions, and posted a nifty 2.42 ERA. He struck out nearly one per inning last season, and should be ready to establish himself in the Expos' rotation. Triple A Alliance/American Association champion Indy also had an all-star in second baseman Johnny Paredes (.295, 43 stolen bases). Even though he didn't hit well with the parent club early in the season (.187 in 91 ABs), Paredes will be tough to keep off the Expos in '89. Brian Holman (8-1, 2.36 at Indy) pitched better (3.23 ERA) than his 4-8 mark with the Expos. Shortstop Jeff Huson (.251, 55 SB at Jacksonville) was Mr. Hustle in the Southern League. And he hit .310 for the Expos in 42 ABs. Outfielder Billy Moore (.285, 17, 80) was a Triple A all-star. Southpaw Rich Sauveur lost a pair of AA decisions but was 7-4, 2.43 with 10 saves in AAA. Mark Gardner was a combined 10-5, 2.11 at Indi-

anapolis/Jacksonville. Gardner pitched sensationally, recording 201 strikeouts and walking only 68 in 196.2 innings. Pat Pacillo won his lone decision with Cincy and was 3-4, 3.86 at Indianapolis. Sergio Valdez was 5-4, 3.43 at Indy Future prospects: pitchers Gene Harris (9-5, 2.56 in AA) and Danilo Leon, a wispy right-hander who had a 3.21 ERA at West Palm Beach and was sensational at Jamestown of the New York-Penn League, where he was 10-3, 1.16.

NEW YORK METS

One national publication listed Gregg Jefferies No. 5 among the International League's top prospects in '88. No. 5? The other four must have been Ruth, Cobb, Gehrig, and DiMaggio. Forget stats, though .282, 61 RBIs, 32 stolen bases aren't chopped liver. But for Jefferies, a two-time Minor League Player of the Year and the Mets' No. 1 draft pick in 1985, it's ho-hum. Considering he struggled early, however, it's no problem. Which he surely proved in September, tearing up the National League, and in a starting role in the playoffs. His big-league numbers got him one vote for rookie of the year—and he was up only a month. The Mets also have a bonafide rookie of the year candidate in 6-6 southpaw Dave West (12-4, I.L.-leading 1.80 ERA at Tidewater). West allowed just 106 hits in 160 innings. Outfielder Mark Carreon (.263, 14 HR in AAA) was an all-star. Jack Savage had five victories (3.16 ERA) and 13 saves at Tidewater. But the Mets always have pitching depth. And that extends throughout the organization. Southpaw Blaine Beatty (16-8, 2.46 at Jackson) was the Texas League's most valuable pitcher and second in ERA. He completed a league-high 12 of 28 starts, and walked a mere 34 batters in 209 innings. An ex-Baltimore farm hand, Beatty showed the O's by beating Rochester in the I.L. playoffs. The Mets have a burner in lefty-swinging outfielder Alan Hayden (.297, 9 triples, 64 SB at Jackson). Future prospects: lefty Kevin Brown was a modest 5-7 at St. Lucie, but he won Florida State League ERA honors (1.81) and displayed outstanding control. Promoted to AA, five starts produced a 2.20 ERA. Also in the F.S.L., Kip Gross (13-9, 2.62) and lefty Rob Hernandez (8-7, 2.20), who started and relieved, were impressive.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

Talk about a prime-time player. The Phillies have one in the first baseman Ricky Jordan, their No. 1 draft pick in 1983. Jordan was battling for the International League batting crown (.308 in 87 games at Maine) when he was called up. With Mike Schmidt on the shelf, Jordan hit in the cleanup spot and couldn't have been too fazed. With the Phils, he also batted .308 and hit 11 home runs in 69 games. For the season, he hit 18 HRs and drove in 79 runs. Switch-hitting Tommy Barrett (.285, 21 stolen bases at Maine) batted .204 in 54 at-bats with the Phils. Lefty-swinging outfielder Eric Bullock, whose early years appeared to have him heading for the Astrodome, was with the Twins last season. Bullock can fly (.309, 51 SB at Portland), and he went 5-for-17 with the Twins before coming over to Philly. Lefty-hitting outfielder Ron Jones (.267, 16, 75, 16 SB at Maine) already proved he can handle big-league pitching.

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He hit eight homers in 124 at-bats for the Phils and batted .290. His season totals included 24 HRs and 101 RBIs. Infielder Rick Parker (.257 at Reading) stole 24 bases in 30 attempts. Pitching help is limited. Chuck Malone, a 6-7 righty who throws hard but is still working to find his control, could be the best. He was considered one of the Eastern League's top prospects following his '88 season at Reading (12-7, 3.91). While up in Triple A, he struck out 38 in 27.2 innings but walked nearly one per inning and was 1-4, 6.83. Veteran Bob Sebra came over from Montreal's Indianapolis farm club (12-6, 2.94) and went 1-2 with Philly. Scott Service was a combined 11-12, 3.40 at Reading/Maine. Alex Madrid (5-2, 4.06 for Milwaukee's Denver farm club) made two appearances at Maine (0-0, 2.31) and was 1-1, 2.76 for the Phils. Future prospects: Cliff Brantley (8-11, 2.59 at Clearwater) and outfielder Jim Vatcher (.302, 12, 72, 26 SB for South Atlantic League champ Spartanburg.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

While the much-improved Bucs appeared to be reasonably well-set after turning into a legitimate National League East contender in 1988, they could use a little hitting at the shortstop position. Although he lacks power, American Association all-star Felix Fermin (.261 at Buffalo, .276 in 87 at-bats with the Bucs) made only 10 errors in 87 AAA games. But moving no-hit Rafael Belliard,

who had just nine errors all season with the parent club, won't be easy. Lefty-swinging first baseman Benny Distefano, who has a year of big-league time, had a productive AAA season (.263, 19 HR) and batted .345 in 29 at-bats with the Pirates. Dorn Taylor (10-8, 2.14) won the American Association ERA title. And Dave Johnson (15-12, 3.51) was the AAA league's top winner. Brett Gideon split time between Buffalo/Harrisburg, and although his overall mark was 4-8, he fashioned a 2.53 ERA and recorded 15 saves. Rick Reed was constantly on the move (Salem/Harrisburg/Bufalo/Pittsburgh). Change of uniforms didn't bother him. He wound up the year with a 13-4 record, an outstanding ERA of 2.13, and had 146 strikeouts and just 33 walks. In AAA, he was 5-2, 1.64 and won his only decision with the Bucs. Lefty Miguel Garcia was 6-2, 2.58 for Buffalo. Back of the plate, Tom Prince (.260, 14 HR at Buffalo) played in the AAA All-Star game but batted just .176 in 74 big-league appearances. Switch hitter Jeff Cook (.257 at Harrisburg) stole 45 bases in the Eastern League. Ex-Yankee Orestes Destrade, a switch-hitting first baseman, hit 12 homers in 77 AAA games and batted .271, but was only a .149 hitter in 47 big-league ABs. Future prospects: pitchers Mike Walker (6-12, 3.19, with 102/32 strikeout/walk stats), Stan Belinda (6-4, 2.76, 14 saves in A ball), and Willie Smith (1-4, 2.98, 6 saves in A-ball). Another to look for down the road is

outfielder Moises Alou, Felipe's son. In his first year as a regular, he batted .316 and stole 24 bases in the South Atlantic League.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

A shoulder injury cut short his season, but former Georgia Bulldog and first-round draft pick Cris Carpenter remains a can't-miss. Hero of the 1987 U.S. Pan American team, Carpenter began his first pro season by winning his first six decisions in Triple A. He was 6-2, 2.87 at Louisville and 2-3, 4.72 with the Redbirds before going on the shelf. Matt Kinzer (9-2, 3.55 at Arkansas/Louisville) notched nine saves and displayed excellent control. Scott Arnold (10-4, 2.55 in Double A) was ineffective, losing his three AAA starts. Lefty Jeff Fassero (5-5, 3.58 at Arkansas) recorded 17 saves among his 70 appearances. First baseman Mike Fitzgerald (.241, 10 HR in AAA) got in a little playing time with the Cards. So did swift shortstop Tim Jones, a lefty swinger who hit .257 and stole 39 bases for Louisville and batted .269 in 52 big-league ABs. Lefty-hitting outfielder Alex Cole (.232 in AAA) can also run. He stole 40 bases and committed just one error. Ken Hill lost his one big-league decision, having been 9-9, 4.92 at Arkansas. Future prospects: Todd Zeile is a catcher who can hit (.270 in AA) and hit with power (19 HR, 75 RBI). He is only another year or so from challenging Tony Pena for a job. Also, lefty-swinger Ray Lankford (.284, 11 HR, 65 RBI

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at Springfield) is a typical Cardinal outfielder: he can fly (16 triples, 33 SB). John Ericks debuted in the Appalachian League with modest figures of 3-2, 3.73, but he notched a strikeout per inning. The Cards' first draft selection in '88, all 6-7 of him, he has had his heater clocked at 98 mph. History is on Ericks's side. Every one of the Cardinals' top June draft picks since '81 has made it to a major-league roster. Lefty Steve Mumaw was the first player selected in the winter AAA draft. He was 3-6, 2.88, 3 saves, averaging a strikeout per inning at Toronto's Dunedin/Knoxville clubs.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

They're keeping it all in the family. The Alomar family. And the Padres hope catcher Sandy Alomar Jr., son of the parent club's coach/ex-big league infielder, can do in 1989 what brother Roberto did with the Pads in '88. Roberto was minor-league player of the year in '87, then hit .266 in the majors last season. Sandy Jr., despite sustaining torn cartilage in his left knee in a home-plate collision and missing the final month of the Pacific Coast League season, batted .297 and had career highs in home runs (16) and runs batted in (71), playing 93 games for the league champion Las Vegas Stars. For that, he was co-Minor League Player of the Year. He's big (6-5, 200), was always sound defensively with an excellent throwing arm, but hit just .221 during his first three professional

campaigns. Then he batted .307 in Double A in '87 and had the big '88. But what to do with him and '87 National League Rookie of the Year Benito Santiago? The switch-hitting double-play tandem of second baseman Joey Cora (.296, 31 stolen bases, just 20 strikeouts in 460 at-bats) and P.C.L. all-star shortstop Mike Brumley (.315, 41 SB) had excellent seasons. And another infielder swinging from both sides, Bip Roberts (.353, 29 SB), already has a year of major-league service. Greg Harris (9-5, 4.11) struck out 147 in 159.2 innings in the P.C.L. and was outstanding with the Padres: 2-0, 1.50, with 15 Ks and just three walks in 18 innings, completing his lone start. Lefty-swinging first baseman Rob Nelson (.260 in AAA) showed power with 23 HRs and 77 RBIs. Las Vegas also had plenty of outfield prospects: Jerald Clark (.301), Shane Mack (.347), who has a year in the bigs; Shawn Abner (.254), who once wore a can't-miss label; lefty-swinging Randell Byers (.267), and switch-hitting Tom Howard (combined .270 at Las Vegas/Wichita). Future prospects: middle infielder Carlos Baerga (.273, 12 HR in AA) is a switch hitter who just turned 20. Ricky Bones (pronounced BONE-AY), as a 19-year-old, had a 15-6 mark, 3.64 ERA at Class A Riverside. Terry Gilmore was (11-7, 4.61 in AA). Switch-hitting shortstop Jose Valentin (.232 at Charleston) has great range. If only he could handle the ball (60 errors).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Don't look for the Giants to receive too much help from down on the farm. What's there is mostly in the pitching department. Southpaw Dennis Cook (11-9, 3.88 at Phoenix) impressed by posting 2-1, 2.86 stats with the parent club, allowing just nine hits in 22 innings. Lefty-swinging first baseman Francisco Melendez has a year of big-league service. Last season, his .361 average was just .002 off the P.C.L. pace. Karl Best, at 30 and with two years of major-league service, does come off a good 1988 in which he saved 21 games at Portland/Phoenix, earning P.C.L. all-star status. His overall 0-3 mark and 4.32 ERA weren't so impressive. Paul McClellan was 10-12, 4.04 at Double A Shreveport. Lefty Trevor Wilson (7-7, 3.19 at AA/AAA) lost his two decisions with the Giants. Stuart Tate also split time between Shreveport and Phoenix and was a combined 5-6, 4.12, 9 saves, averaging slightly more than one K per inning. Catcher Will Tejada, acquired from the Montreal organization, batted .233 for Indianapolis. Future prospects: lefty-swinging outfielder Mark Leonard (.345, 15 HR, 118 RBI at San Jose), reliever Doug Robertson (7-5, 1.26, 23 saves, 103 Ks in 78.1 innings, also in A ball), lefty Russ Swan (7-0, 2.23, just 53 hits in 76.2 innings) and switch-hitting shortstop Andres Santana (.280, 88 SB in the Midwest League), who had 50 errors and just five extra-base hits.

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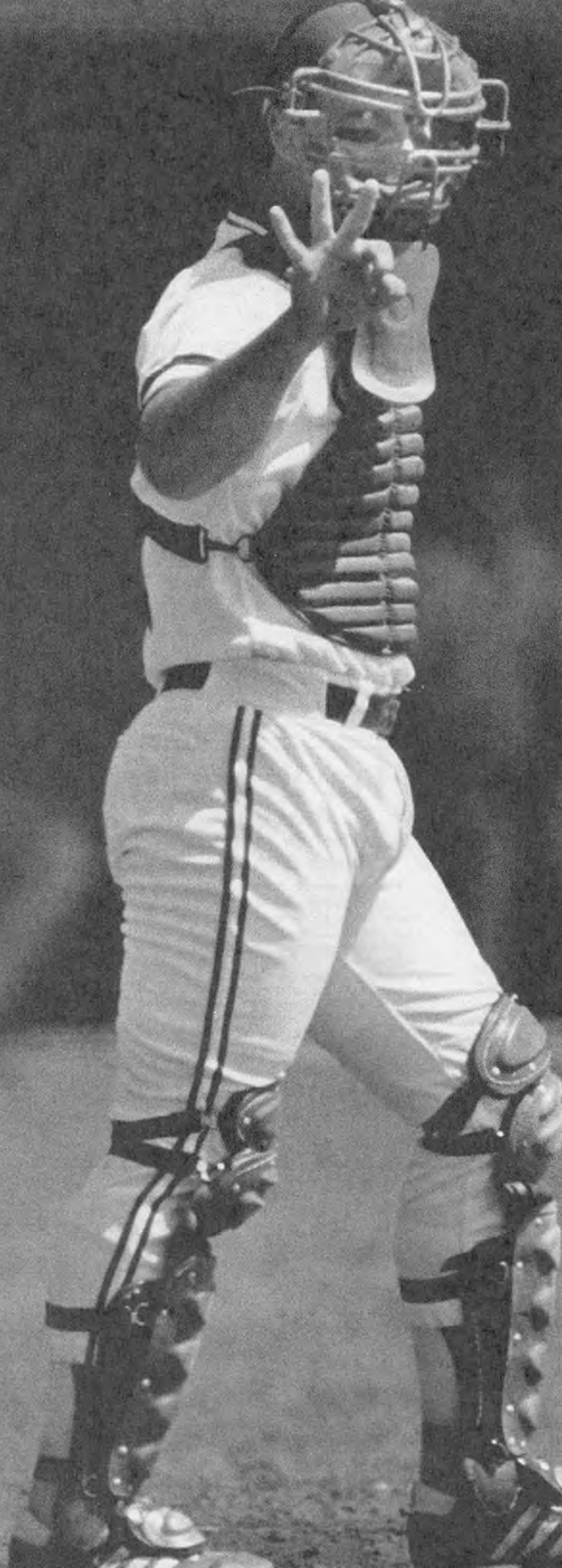
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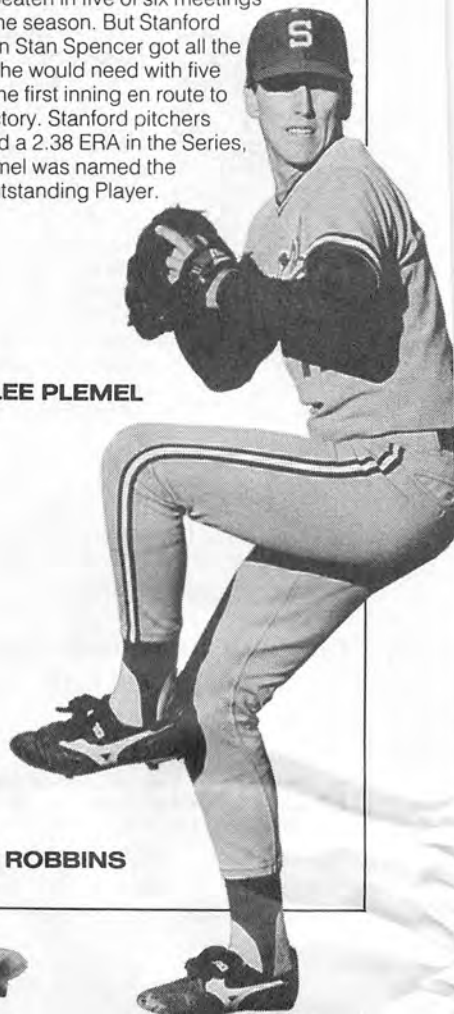
● Stanford defeated Pac-10 rival Arizona State on June 11 for its second straight College World Series championship. Only one other school had ever won back-to-back titles, Southern Cal, which captured five in a row (1970-74).

"In this day and age of scholarship limitations and the overall quality of college baseball, I really thought that two straight titles was almost impossible," said Cardinal coach Mark Marquess, who also led the United States team to the gold medal in the '88 Olympics. "But we did it. It is an unbelievable accomplishment."

Stanford won its opener, 10-3, over Fresno State behind right-hander Lee Plemel. In the second round, the Cardinal took a 3-2 lead over Cal State Fullerton into the sixth inning, but three errors led to three unearned runs and a 5-3 victory for the Titans. Stanford recovered to eliminate Miami, 2-1, in its next game, then won three times in as many days. In the first, Plemel again went the distance, spacing eight hits as Stanford avenged its loss to Fullerton, 4-1. The Cardinal knocked the Titans out of the tourney, 9-5, in the semifinals, thanks to a home run and four RBIs by catcher Doug Robbins.

Meanwhile, Arizona State, which had lost its second-round game to Wichita State, defeated the Shockers in 10 innings in the quarterfinals, then crushed them, 19-1, in the semifinals. That set up the championship match against Stanford, whom the Sun Devils had beaten in five of six meetings during the season. But Stanford freshman Stan Spencer got all the support he would need with five runs in the first inning en route to a 9-4 victory. Stanford pitchers compiled a 2.38 ERA in the Series, and Plemel was named the Most Outstanding Player.

LEE PLEMEL

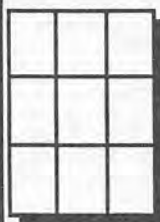


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BATTING

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	CL	G	AB	Hits	Avg.
1. Ken Kremer, Rider	JR	31	121	58	.479
2. Scott Baerns, Tennessee Tech	SR	53	187	89	.476
3. John Olerud, Washington St.	SO	66	233	108	.464
4. Maurice Vaughn, Seton Hall	SO	49	162	75	.463
5. Darron Healey, Appalachian St.	SR	42	145	67	.462
6. Lawrence Smith, Belhune-Cookman	SR	30	104	48	.462
7. Paul Cluff, Brigham Young	JR	59	214	97	.453
8. Marquis Grissom, Florida A&M	SO	39	143	64	.448
9. Ron Probst, Delaware St.	JR	33	101	45	.446
10. Troy Buckley, Santa Clara	SO	62	217	96	.442
11. Ernie Carr, Jacksonville	SR	63	216	95	.440
12. Rod Boddie, James Madison	SR	56	218	95	.436
13. Mark Frankenberg, Air Force	SO	57	198	86	.434
14. Mario Moccia, New Mexico St.	JR	56	198	86	.434
15. Brett Roach, Eastern Mich.	JR	58	182	79	.434
16. Mike Mulvaney, Wyoming	SR	52	197	85	.431
17. Jeff Greenly, Delaware St.	SO	33	96	41	.427
18. Eddie Rayburn, Duquesne	SR	33	101	43	.426
19. Greg Harding, Richmond	JR	59	233	99	.425
20. Keith LeClair, Western Caro.	SR	62	239	101	.423
21. Joe Markulike, Bucknell	SO	29	116	49	.422
22. Billy Masse, Wake Forest	SR	58	223	94	.422
23. Andy D'Ambrosio, St. Peter's	SR	36	121	51	.421
24. Ron Pezzoni, Eastern Ky.	JR	51	188	79	.420
25. Lee Sammons, Augusta	SO	40	153	64	.418
26. David Chadd, Kansas St.	SR	49	201	84	.418
27. Greg Kirby, Md.-Ball. County	SO	32	103	43	.417
28. Steve Sada, Akron	SR	59	226	94	.416
29. Mike Willes, Brigham Young	SR	60	219	91	.416
30. Mike Davidson, Michigan St.	SR	61	195	81	.415
30. Jeff Nesci, Le Moyne	SR	38	130	54	.415
32. Eric Karros, UCLA	JR	58	241	100	.415
33. Ron Zabko, Ulica	SO	25	94	39	.415
34. Brent Carrier, Tennessee Tech	JR	53	181	75	.414
35. Dan Peltier, Notre Dame	SO	60	215	89	.414
36. John Beckwith, Akron	JR	59	218	90	.413
37. Fred Hinojosa, Houston	SO	58	177	73	.412
38. Tommy Green, Appalachian St.	SR	44	168	69	.411
39. Jeff Bagwell, Hartford	SO	41	161	66	.410
40. Dan D'Alonzo, Md.-Ball. County	JR	40	171	70	.409
41. Ron DiGiacopo, Pace	SR	44	191	78	.408
42. Oneri Fleita, Creighton	SR	60	240	98	.408
43. Mike Humphreys, Texas Tech	JR	60	214	87	.407
43. Mickey Morandini, Indiana	SR	58	214	87	.407
45. Dave Silvestri, Missouri	JR	64	219	89	.406
46. Pat Kelly, West Chester	JR	44	160	65	.406
47. Don Sparks, Loyola (Cal.)	SR	63	259	105	.405
48. Steve Finken, Michigan	SR	63	193	78	.404
49. Julio Morales, LIU-C.W. Post	SR	43	166	67	.404
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51. Lenny Richardson, Delaware	JR	47	184	74	.402
52. Scott Meadows, Ohio St.	SR	59	199	80	.402
53. Jeff Jetel, Eastern Ill.	SO	48	137	55	.401
54. Lance Shebelut, Fresno St.	SR	68	279	*112	.401
55. Barry Petrachenko, La Salle	SR	43	177	71	.401

*Tied most hits in nation—112, Tom Goodwin, Fresno St. (.347)

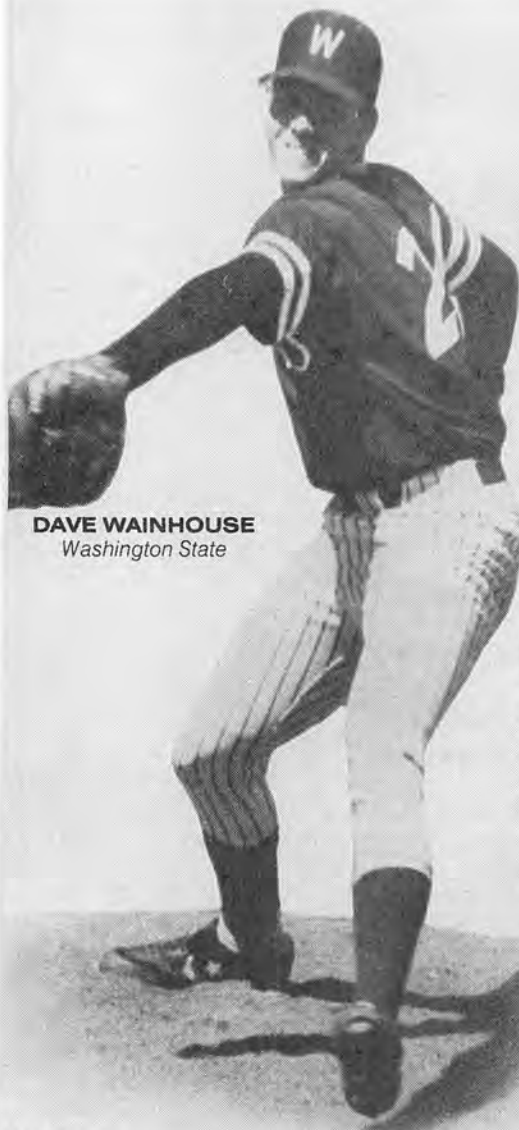
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(Minimum 40)

	CL	G	No.	Avg.
1. Mike Willes, Brigham Young	SR	60	100	1.67
2. Monty Fariss, Ukiahuma St.	JR	69	*114	1.65
3. Mario Moccia, New Mexico St.	JR	56	90	1.61
4. Tim Sanders, Portland St.	JR	55	84	1.53
5. Jim Campanis, Southern Cal.	JR	62	92	1.48
6. Tookie Spann, Tulane	SR	50	73	1.46
7. Mark Frankenberg, Air Force	SO	57	83	1.46
8. Turtle Zaun, North Caro. St.	SR	60	87	1.45
9. Ron DiGiacopo, Pace	SR	44	63	1.43
10. Maurice Vaughn, Seton Hall	SO	49	70	1.43
11. Jeff Bagwell, Hartford	SO	41	58	1.41
12. Robin Ventura, Oklahoma St.	JR	69	96	1.39
13. Lance Shebelut, Fresno St.	SR	68	94	1.38
14. Frank Ricchey, La Salle	SR	40	55	1.38
15. Sean Gilliam, Florida A&M	SO	38	52	1.37
16. Mike Piscarela, Pace	JR	44	60	1.36
17. Mark Standiford, Wichita St.	SR	72	97	1.35
18. Mark Brockell, James Madison	SR	56	75	1.34
19. Billy Masse, Wake Forest	SR	58	77	1.33
20. Jeff Hulse, Kansas St.	SR	49	65	1.33
21. Troy Buckley, Santa Clara	SO	62	82	1.32
22. Chris Ebright, Oklahoma	SO	66	87	1.32
23. Bruce Ellis, Brigham Young	JR	54	71	1.31
24. Arl Inabinet, Winthrop	SR	37	48	1.30



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(Minimum 12)	CL	G	No.	Avg.
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2. Lance Sneuciu, Fresno St.	SR	68	32	0.47
3. Monty Fairiss, Oklahoma St.	JR	69	30	0.43
4. Clint Fairry, Western Caro.	JR	59	25	0.42
5. Tookie Spann, Tulane	SR	50	21	0.42
6. Turtle Zaun, North Caro. St.	SR	60	25	0.42
7. Billy Masse, Wake Forest	SR	58	24	0.41
8. Trey McCoy, Virginia Tech	JR	60	24	0.40
9. Sean Gilliam, Florida A&M	SO	38	15	0.39
10. Lance Madsen, Utah	SO	41	16	0.39
11. Mark Standiford, Wichita St.	SR	72	28	0.39
12. Brian Mahaffey, Southwest Mo. St.	SR	55	21	0.38
13. Robin Ventura, Oklahoma St.	JR	69	26	0.38
14. Ed Beuerlein, Louisiana Tech	JR	56	21	0.38
14. Rick Falkner, Portland	SR	56	21	0.38
14. Jason Nixon, Marshall	JR	40	15	0.38
17. Rick Vaughan, Oral Roberts	JR	59	22	0.37
18. Jim Campanis, Southern Cal.	JR	62	23	0.37
19. Mark Frankenberg, Air Force	SO	57	21	0.37
20. Skip Nelloms, Western Caro.	SR	60	22	0.37
21. John Olerud, Washington St.	SO	66	23	0.35
22. Stan Royer, Eastern Ill.	SR	49	17	0.35
23. Ken Shamburg, Louisiana Tech	JR	61	21	0.34
24. Jeff Bagwell, Hartford	SO	41	14	0.34
25. Mario Moccia, New Mexico St.	JR	56	19	0.34

TRIPLES

(Minimum 7)	CL	G	No.	Avg.
1. Rodney Bullard, Bethune-Cookman	SO	24	7	0.29
2. Marquis Grissom, Florida A&M	SO	39	*10	0.26
3. Tony Fair, Portland St.	SR	46	9	0.20
4. Bob Zeihen, Indiana St.	SR	55	*10	0.18
5. Javan Melton, Florida A&M	JR	39	7	0.18
6. Dan D'Alonzo, Md.-Balt. County	JR	40	7	0.18
7. Robbie Katzaroff, UCLA	SO	59	*10	0.17
7. Steve Sada, Akron	SR	59	*10	0.17
9. Kevin Long, Arizona	JR	56	9	0.16
10. Robert Ferneau, Colorado St.	JR	45	7	0.16
11. Mike Sabo, Indiana	SR	58	9	0.16
12. Donald Harris, Texas Tech	FR	46	7	0.15
13. Rob Maurer, Evansville	JR	63	9	0.14
14. Eric Young, Rutgers	JR	54	7	0.13
15. Dave Silvestri, Missouri	JR	64	8	0.13

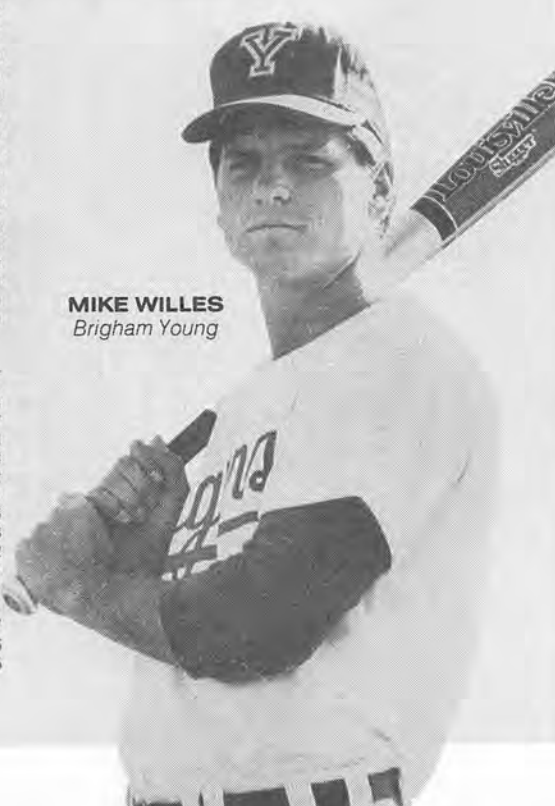
DOUBLES

(Minimum 12)	CL	G	No.	Avg.
1. Ernie Carr, Jacksonville	SR	63	*32	0.51
2. Oneri Fleita, Creighton	SR	60	30	0.50
2. Bobby Jones, Darlington	JR	40	20	0.50
4. Neil Kurtz, FDU-Teaneck	JR	37	18	0.49
5. George Phillips, Iowa	SO	33	15	0.45
6. Bob Yager, Iowa	JR	36	16	0.44
7. Jeff Crabill, Md.-Balt. County	SR	41	18	0.44
8. Vince Castaldo, Kentucky	JR	63	27	0.43
9. Donnie Poplin, N.C.-Charlotte	JR	54	23	0.43
10. Dewayne Jones, South Ala.	JR	62	26	0.42
11. Joe Cioffi, LIU-C.W. Post	SR	43	18	0.42
12. John Valentin, Seton Hall	JR	52	21	0.40
13. Steve Willis, Arizona St.	JR	72	29	0.40
14. Jim Donohue, Kansas St.	SR	55	22	0.40
14. Ed Horowitz, Rider	JR	40	16	0.40
14. Albert Kolesar, Yale	JR	40	16	0.40

STOLEN BASES

(Minimum 20)	CL	G	SB	SBA	Avg.
1. Lawrence Smith, Bethune-Cookman	SR	30	58	61	1.93
2. Wayne Rose, Bethune-Cookman	JR	30	44	45	1.47
3. Dave Tedesco, Ulica	SR	26	32	34	1.23
4. Tony Krupski, St. Bonaventure	JR	46	43	49	0.93
5. Bruce Stephens, Butler	SR	39	36	43	0.92
6. Tom Goodwin, Fresno St.	SO	68	*62	73	0.91
7. Ray Schuyler, LIU-Brooklyn	SR	28	24	31	0.86
8. Chris Bruno, St. Francis (N.Y.)	SR	29	24	28	0.83
9. Larry Lamphere, Central Mich.	SR	61	50	58	0.82
10. Barry Petrachenko, La Salle	SR	43	35	42	0.81
11. Jack Allen, Fordham	SR	48	39	51	0.81
12. Mike Hennessy, FDU-Teaneck	SO	37	30	35	0.81
13. Mike Lansing, Wichita St.	SO	66	51	58	0.77
14. Warren Keir, Drexel	SO	34	26	28	0.76
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1. Bobby Benjamin, Nebraska	FR	71	*91	1.28
2. Lauren Flores, Tulane	JR	48	60	1.25
3. Dan O'Hare, Ulica	JR	25	31	1.24
4. Brian Cisarik, Texas	SR	69	83	1.20
5. C.J. Russo, Pace	FR	33	38	1.15
6. Todd Arcement, Northeast La.	SO	45	51	1.13
7. Tim Mooney, St. Peter's	SR	34	38	1.12
8. John Kresho, Cornell	FR	47	51	1.09
9. Ray Schuyler, LIU-Brooklyn	SR	28	30	1.07
10. Jack Allen, Fordham	SR	48	51	1.06
11. Pat Cleveland, Texas-Arlington	SR	54	57	1.06
12. Mike Venezia, Wagner	SO	39	41	1.05
13. Juan G. Southern-B.R.	JR	49	51	1.04
14. Steve Soto, New Mexico St.	SR	56	58	1.04
15. Travis Law, Oklahoma St.	JR	58	60	1.03

SLUGGING

(Minimums—2.5 times at bat per game played by team and 70 at-bats)	CL	G	AB	H	TB	Pct.
1. Mike Willes, Brigham Young	SR	60	219	91	207	.945
2. Marquis Grissom, Florida A&M	SO	39	143	64	130	.909
3. Billy Masse, Wake Forest	SR	58	223	94	197	.883
4. Trey McCoy, Virginia Tech	JR	60	194	74	170	.876
5. John Olerud, Washington St.	SO	66	233	108	204	.876
6. Monty Fariss, Oklahoma St.	JR	69	242	96	208	.860
7. Mario Moccia, New Mexico St.	JR	56	198	86	169	.854
8. Dave Silvestri, Missouri	JR	64	219	89	186	.849
9. Maurice Vaughn, Seton Hall	SO	49	162	75	133	.821
10. Mark Frankenberg, Air Force	SO	57	198	86	162	.818
10. Lance Madsen, Utah	SO	41	143	55	117	.818
12. Mark Standiford, Wichita St.	SR	72	254	95	207	.815
13. Turtle Zaud, North Caro. St.	SR	60	228	91	185	.811
14. Lance Shebelut, Fresno St.	SR	68	279	112	*226	.810

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

(Minimum 50 innings)	CL	G	IP	R	ER	ERA
1. Bobby Reed, Mississippi St.	FR	11	57.2	8	7	1.09
2. Brian Evans, Jacksonville	JR	33	68.0	21	9	1.19
3. Andy Benes, Evansville	JR	24	146.0	28	23	1.42
4. Dana Allison, James Madison	JR	14	100.0	22	17	1.53
5. Pete Hoy, LeMoyne	JR	10	56.1	17	11	1.76
6. John Sipple, Oregon St.	SR	13	59.1	14	12	1.82
7. Tim McDonald, Central Mich.	SR	17	108.0	36	22	1.83
8. Matt Dunbar, Florida St.	SO	23	52.1	13	11	1.89
9. Mike Grayson, Florida Int'l	JR	30	59.0	22	13	1.98
10. Gregg Olson, Auburn	JR	36	72.0	23	16	2.00
11. Jim Poole, Georgia Tech	SR	45	71.0	33	16	2.03
12. Tom McGraw, Washington St.	SO	14	59.2	20	14	2.11
13. Bob Aylmer, Fordham	SO	33	63.2	23	15	2.12
14. Chris Nabholz, Towson St.	JR	12	76.1	30	18	2.12
15. Pat Combs, Baylor	JR	19	100.0	39	24	2.16
16. Tim Driscoll, Central Mich.	JR	12	53.2	22	13	2.18
17. David Krol, Toledo	SO	16	102.0	34	25	2.21
18. Jerry Dipoto, Va. Commonwealth	SO	20	117.0	35	29	2.23
19. Brian Dodd, Arizona St.	JR	17	76.0	24	19	2.25
20. Kirk Dressendorfer, Texas	FR	23	135.2	46	34	2.26
21. Bill Prezioso, William & Mary	SR	12	89.1	39	23	2.32
22. Mark Dunford, Va. Commonwealth	JR	13	69.2	26	18	2.33
23. Todd Bibba, Navy	SR	14	76.2	25	20	2.35
24. Ricky Morris, Va. Commonwealth	FR	16	53.1	18	14	2.36
25. Charles Nagy, Connecticut	SO	15	86.1	32	23	2.40

TOUGHEST TO STRIKE OUT

(Minimum—2.5 times at bat per game played by team and 70 at-bats)	CL	G	AB	SO	Avg.
1. Ken Harring, LeMoyne	JR	38	157	2	.78.5
2. Albert Kolesar, Yale	JR	40	128	2	.64.0
3. Brian Bark, North Caro. St.	SO	61	258	5	.51.6
4. Steve Pearce, Fresno St.	SR	68	291	8	.36.4
5. Jeff Solis, Northern Colo.	JR	45	132	4	.33.0
6. Brent Carrier, Tennessee Tech	JR	53	181	6	.30.2
7. George Lopez, Ark.-Lit. Rock	SR	54	178	6	.29.7
8. Joe Markulike, Bucknell	SO	29	116	4	.29.0
9. Marquis Grissom, Florida A&M	SO	39	143	5	.28.6
10. Dan D'Alonzo, Md.-Balt. County	JR	40	171	6	.28.5
11. Fred Ehrmann, St. Joseph's (Pa.)	SR	39	141	5	.28.2
12. Jeff Seabury, LeMoyne	SR	34	112	4	.28.0
13. Kevin Higgins, Arizona St.	JR	73	299	11	.27.2
14. Adam Kulicely, Va. Commonwealth	JR	62	212	8	.26.5
15. Mike Pisacreta, Pace	JR	44	178	7	.25.4

RUNS SCORED

(Minimum 40)	CL	G	No.	Avg.
1. Marquis Grissom, Florida A&M	SO	39	63	1.62
2. Mike Mordecai, South Ala.	SO	62	94	1.52
3. Travis Law, Oklahoma St.	JR	58	85	1.47
4. Jeff Garber, James Madison	SR	56	82	1.46
5. Scott Baerns, Tennessee Tech	SR	53	76	1.43
6. Mike Willes, Brigham Young	SR	60	86	1.43
7. Billy Masse, Wake Forest	SR	58	83	1.43
8. Lance Shebelut, Fresno St.	SR	68	97	1.43
9. Lenny Richardson, Delaware	JR	47	67	1.43
10. Ron Sisler, Brigham Young	SR	50	71	1.42
11. Barry Petrachenko, La Salle	SR	43	61	1.42
12. Ken Ramos, Nebraska	JR	71	*100	1.41
13. Robin Ventura, Oklahoma St.	JR	69	96	1.39
14. Dave Silvestri, Missouri	JR	64	89	1.39
15. Monty Fariss, Oklahoma St.	JR	69	95	1.38

SAVES

	CL	G	IP	ERA	SV
1. Tom Hickox, Stetson	FR	43	60.1	2.69	14
2. Bob Ayler, Fordham	SO	33	63.2	2.12	13
2. Darryl Scott, Loyola (Cal.)	SO	33	72.1	3.36	13
4. Scott Centala, Texas A&M	JR	26	54.0	3.17	11
5. Jamie McAndrew, Florida	SO	20	44.1	2.84	10
5. Steve Chitren, Stanford	JR	33	80.1	3.14	10
5. Gregg Olson, Auburn	JR	36	72.0	2.00	10
8. Jim Poole, Georgia Tech	SR	45	71.0	2.03	9
8. Ward Withrow, Western Caro.	SR	30	56.0	3.54	9

VICTORIES

	CL	G	IP	W	L	Pct.
1. Linty Lingram, Arizona St.	SR	29	181.1	17	5	.773
2. Tim McDonald, Central Mich.	SR	17	108.0	16	1	.941
2. Andy Benes, Evansville	JR	24	146.0	16	3	.842
2. Jeff Gidcomb, Florida	JR	27	151.2	16	7	.696
5. John Olerud, Washington St.	SO	19	122.2	15	0	1.000
5. Rich Crane, Fresno St.	SO	22	160.2	15	2	.882
5. Kirk Dressendorfer, Texas	FR	23	135.2	15	2	.882
5. John Salles, Fresno St.	JR	25	177.1	15	2	.882
5. Eric Stone, Texas	JR	24	132.2	15	3	.833
10. Tim Pugh, Oklahoma St.	JR	18	113.1	14	1	.933
10. Wes Bliven, Santa Clara	SR	22	148.0	14	2	.875
10. Erik Schullstrom, Fresno St.	FR	25	146.0	14	2	.875
10. Jeff Zona, Va. Commonwealth	SR	19	102.1	14	3	.824
10. Mike Magnante, UCLA	SR	25	137.1	14	4	.778
10. David Haas, Wichita St.	SR	22	158.1	14	5	.737
10. Dave Richardson, Middle Tenn. St.	SR	23	127.1	14	5	.737

STRIKEOUTS

(Minimum 50 Innings)	CL	G	IP	SO	Avg.
1. Jim Poole, Georgia Tech	SR	45	71.0	113	14.3
2. Gregg Olson, Auburn	JR	36	72.0	113	14.1
3. Todd Kemp, Tennessee Tech	SR	16	87.0	132	13.7
4. Matt Dunbar, Florida St.	SO	23	52.1	77	13.3
5. Greg Ferguson, Virginia Tech	JR	13	64.2	94	13.1
6. Bart Barnett, Columbia	SO	15	57.0	75	11.8
7. Scott Centala, Texas A&M	JR	26	54.0	71	11.8
8. Russell Springer, Louisiana St.	SO	21	119.0	156	11.8
9. Charles Nagy, Connecticut	SO	15	86.1	113	11.8
10. Ed Rayburg, Duquesne	SR	12	68.1	89	11.7
11. Andy Benes, Evansville	JR	24	146.0	*188	11.6
12. Jeff Mulis, Lafayette	JR	11	53.0	68	11.5
13. Bob Kairis, Northwestern La.	SR	18	81.2	103	11.4
14. John Ericks, Illinois	JR	13	87.1	108	11.2
15. Tom Liss, Detroit	JR	12	63.1	78	11.1

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	G	W-L	AB	Hits	Avg.
1. Brigham Young	+60	41-18	2034	770	.379
2. New Mexico St.	56	38-18	1759	625	.355
3. Indiana	58	39-19	1756	623	.355
4. Wyoming	52	25-27	1637	573	.350
5. Oklahoma St.	69	61-8	2343	820	.350
6. Fresno St.	68	56-12	2620	*916	.350
7. James Madison	+56	43-11	1900	660	.347
8. North Caro. St.	61	45-16	2171	751	.346
9. Loyola (Cal.)	66	48-18	2319	798	.344
10. Hartford	41	29-12	1443	496	.344
11. Bethune-Cookman	32	9-23	803	276	.344
12. Md.-Ball. County	41	25-16	1405	481	.342
13. Minnesota	66	38-28	2073	709	.342
14. Florida A&M	39	26-13	1193	408	.342
15. Le Moyne	+38	26-11	1171	400	.342
16. LIU-C.W. Post	43	27-16	1441	492	.341
17. Air Force	58	25-33	1836	624	.340
18. Delaware St.	+33	21-11	928	315	.339
19. Kansas St.	58	34-24	1910	648	.339
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6. Navy	39	23-16	290.2	152	106	3.28
7. Florida Int'l	59	40-19	527.2	246	196	3.34
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13. Texas A&M	67	52-15	558.1	256	217	3.50
14. Massachusetts	52	36-16	397.0	201	157	3.56
15. Michigan	67	48-19	494.2	236	196	3.57
16. Cal St. Fullerton	61	43-18	554.0	272	221	3.59
17. Louisiana St.	60	39-21	497.2	262	199	3.60
18. Clemson	68	54-14	598.1	307	246	3.70
19. Fresno St.	68	56-12	620.2	319	256	3.71
20. Southwest Mo. St.	58	41-17	457.1	255	189	3.72

FIELDING

	G	W-L	PO	A	E	Pct.
1. Loyola (Cal.)	66	48-18	1603	621	69	.9699
2. Arkansas	62	39-23	1528	603	67	.9695
3. Pan American	58	33-25	1302	623	61	.9693
4. Towson St.	+48	31-17	1152	484	52	.9692
5. Southern Ill.	62	40-22	1442	604	66	.9688
6. Miami	+67	52-14	1819	725	85	.968
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9. UCLA	59	31-28	1556	695	76	.967
10. Cal St. Fullerton	61	43-18	1656	720	81	.967
11. Texas A&M	67	52-15	1675	640	80	.967
12. Evansville	64	44-20	1674	626	81	.966
13. Miami (Ohio)	59	37-22	1244	564	65	.965
14. Arizona St.	73	60-13	1949	943	105	.965
15. Oklahoma St.	69	61-8	1670	684	86	.965
16. Pepperdine	+62	37-24	1552	742	84	.965
17. Michigan	67	48-19	1484	636	78	.965
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19. Minnesota	66	38-28	1495	605	78	.964
20. Michigan St.	61	41-20	1365	591	73	.964

SCORING

	G	W-L	R	Avg.
1. Oklahoma St.	69	61-8	778	11.3
2. Brigham Young	+60	41-18	648	10.8
3. Fresno St.	68	56-12	670	9.9
4. Kansas St.	58	34-24	564	9.7
5. Virginia Tech	60	40-20	567	9.5
6. North Caro. St.	61	45-16	571	9.4
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18. Air Force	58	25-33	507	8.7
19. Md.-Balt. County	41	25-16	357	8.7

HOME RUNS

	G	W-L	HR	Avg.
1. Brigham Young	+60	41-18	161	2.68
2. Virginia Tech	60	40-20	140	2.33
3. Oklahoma St.	69	61-8	154	2.23
4. North Caro. St.	61	45-16	123	2.02
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6. Fresno St.	68	56-12	120	1.76
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10. Florida A&M	39	26-13	59	1.51

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SLUGGING

	G	W-L	AB	TB	Pct.
1. Brigham Young	+60	41-18	2034	1402	.689
2. Oklahoma St.	69	61-8	2343	1487	.635
3. Virginia Tech	60	40-20	2019	659	.608
4. Florida A&M	39	26-13	1193	711	.596
5. North Caro. St.	61	45-16	2171	1283	.591
6. Wyoming	52	25-27	1637	942	.575
7. Fresno St.	68	56-12	2620	1492	.569
8. Western Caro.	62	38-24	2082	1171	.562
9. Marshall	40	23-17	1265	709	.560
10. Air Force	58	25-33	1836	1022	.557
11. LeMoyne	+38	26-11	1171	650	.555
12. New Mexico St.	56	38-18	1759	964	.548

DOUBLES

	G	W-L	2B	Avg.
1. Iona	36	15-21	114	3.17
2. Air Force	58	25-33	151	2.60
3. Arizona St.	73	60-13	185	2.53
4. FDU-Teaneck	39	26-13	98	2.51
5. Fresno St.	68	56-12	170	2.50
6. Texas	+70	58-11	172	2.46
7. Creighton	+65	42-22	158	2.43
8. Clemson	68	54-14	160	2.35
9. Arizona	59	33-26	135	2.29
10. Western Ky.	63	43-21	144	2.29
11. North Caro. St.	61	45-16	139	2.28
12. Nevada-Las Vegas	62	40-22	141	2.27
13. Mississippi St.	64	44-20	145	2.27
14. Loyola (Cal.)	66	48-18	149	2.26
15. Hartford	41	29-12	92	2.24

TRIPLES

	G	W-L	3B	Avg.
1. Florida A&M	39	26-13	31	0.79
2. Southwestern La.	64	41-23	40	0.63
3. Portland St.	58	33-25	33	0.57
4. Bethune-Cookman	32	9-23	18	0.56
5. Indiana St.	59	31-28	33	0.56
6. La Salle	43	24-19	24	0.56
7. Delaware	47	35-12	26	0.55
8. St. John's (N.Y.)	+51	29-21	28	0.55
9. Pennsylvania	39	28-11	21	0.54
10. Oklahoma	66	45-21	35	0.53
11. Indiana	58	39-19	29	0.50
11. Rider	40	21-19	20	0.50

STOLEN BASES

	G	W-L	SB	SBA	Avg.
1. Bethune-Cookman	32	9-23	161	177	5.03
2. Nicholls St.	+51	28-21	166	210	3.25
3. Va. Commonwealth	+62	45-16	197	239	3.18
4. Ill.-Chicago	56	27-29	177	241	3.16
5. FDU-Teaneck	39	26-13	113	138	2.90
6. Eastern Ky.	56	34-22	162	219	2.89
7. Florida St.	+69	50-18	197	241	2.86
8. Miami	+67	52-14	186	264	2.78
9. Clemson	68	54-14	188	228	2.76
10. Florida A&M	39	26-13	106	131	2.72
11. Central Mich.	62	47-15	161	204	2.60
12. Wichita St.	+73	56-16	186	212	2.55
13. San Diego St.	+66	47-18	168	236	2.55

DOUBLE PLAYS

	G	W-L	DP	Avg.
1. Long Beach St.	59	14-45	73	1.24
2. Oregon St.	49	30-19	58	1.18
3. Memphis St.	49	27-22	57	1.16
4. Kentucky	63	38-25	72	1.14
5. Nebraska	71	48-23	80	1.13
6. California	65	40-25	72	1.11
7. UCLA	59	31-28	65	1.10
8. Hawaii	+62	40-21	67	1.08
9. St. Joseph's (Pa.)	+40	16-23	43	1.08
10. Santa Clara	+62	43-18	66	1.06
11. Samford	+58	8-49	61	1.05
12. Hartford	41	29-12	43	1.05

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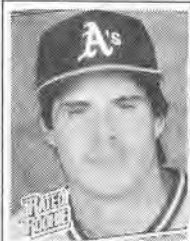
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FRANK WHITE

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ing. I thought after 1985, being the first second baseman since Jackie Robinson to bat fourth in the World Series and then leading all hitters in RBIs, that that would finally give me recognition, but nothing happened. And when I won my sixth straight Gold Glove [1982], it was an American League record, but it wasn't in *Sports Illustrated* or the *Sporting News*."

White has worn uniform No. 20 because of his admiration for Frank Robinson ("He hit home runs, he could run, he took guys out at second base—and commanded a lot of respect"), but his own style has always been more similar to Brooks Robinson's, and he pays his highest compliment to another outstanding fielder, ex-Oriole Mark Belanger, whom he considers "the best thing I've ever seen." It is on defense, after all, where White has excelled. His career percentage is .994, and no second baseman in the history of the game has a higher mark. Still, he is the victim of a bias in a game that places a premium on offense while it takes defense for granted.

"If you look at every team in baseball, and if there is a guy who can hit but can't play defense, that guy is still going to play." The home run that an outfielder hits will be given greater significance than the fly ball he misplays that allows a run to score in the same game. "That's true," agreed White, "and I think that's going to hurt a lot of guys like myself in the Hall of Fame voting, because everybody is judged by Babe Ruth. An infielder's got to have a different judging system. But 3,000 hits—that's the measuring stick for automatic Hall of Fame. Then tell me why a second baseman like Nellie Fox, with [2,663 hits], is not in the Hall of Fame."

Ozzie Smith, justifying his lucrative contract, once asked why the defender should not be as financially well-compensated as the slugger. "That makes sense to me," said White. "When I played for Whitey [Herzog], he told me, 'Just play defense—don't worry about hitting—you're going to save me more runs than these other guys are going to drive in.'" Under Herzog, the Royals and the Cardinals emphasized speed and defense. The Mets, on the other hand, prefer to get an extra bat in the game. "That's why Davey Johnson's lineup looked so crappy in the playoffs," explained White. "Pitching and defense: those are two things you can't sacrifice in a short series. I cringe whenever I hear, 'You can shake a glove out of a tree any day,' but when you get to the playoffs and World Series, the first thing that's asked is, 'What kind of defense do you have?'"

White's defense never rests. "I really feel good," he said. "From a health standpoint, I've been very lucky [on the disabled list only twice in his career]. It's just been a maintenance program year-round. I do a lot of leg work and keep my lower back strong, and I try to have a good, positive mental attitude. I really enjoy the game, and the last thing I want is to sound bitter. When an injustice has been done, the easiest thing for people to say is, 'It's sour grapes.' And I love Harold to death. I really like the way he plays. But I just don't think this was his year."

Consider the 1988 award for fielding in the American League a tarnished Gold Glove.

STREET AND SMITH'S BASEBALL

HITS*(Inactive players 2800 or more)*

Pete Rose	4256
Ty Cobb	4191
Hank Aaron	3771
Stan Musial	3630
Tris Speaker	3515
Honus Wagner	3430
Carl Yastrzemski	3419
Eddie Collins	3311
Willie Mays	3283
Nap Lajoie	3251
Paul Waner	3152
Rod Carew	3053
Cap Anson	3041
Lou Brock	3023
Al Kaline	3007
Roberto Clemente	3000
Sam Rice	2987
Sam Crawford	2964
Willie Keeler	2962
Frank Robinson	2943
Jake Beckley	2931
Rogers Hornsby	2930
Al Simmons	2927
Zack Wheat	2884
Frank Frisch	2880
Mel Ott	2876
Jesse Burkett	2873
Babe Ruth	2873
Brooks Robinson	2848
Charlie Gehringer	2839
BUCKNER, Bill, Royals	2669
BELL, Buddy, Rangers	2499
SIMMONS, Ted	2472
WINFIELD, Dave, Yankees	2421
YOUNT, Robin, Brewers	2407
RICE, Jim, Red Sox	2406
BRETT, George, Royals	2399
CONCEPCION, Dave	2326
PARKER, Dave, A's	2270
CRUZ, Jose	2251
NETTLES, Graig	2225
SCHMIDT, Mike, Phillies	2204
EVANS, Darrell	2166
BAYLOR, Don	2135
EVANS, Dwight, Red Sox	2114
HERNANDEZ, Keith, Mets	2106
MURRAY, Eddie, Dodgers	2021
GRIFFEY, Ken	2015
HENDRICK, George	1980
FISK, Carlton, White Sox	1953
DAWSON, Andre, Cubs	1932
CARTER, Gary, Mets	1879
WHITE, Frank, Royals	1847
LYNN, Fred, Tigers	1828
PARRISH, Larry	1789
WILSON, Willie, Royals	1782
TEMPLETON, Garry, Padres	1781
WASHINGTON, Claudell, Angels	1751
SPEIER, Chris, Giants	1750
RANDOLPH, Willie, Dodgers	1741
BOONE, Bob, Royals	1699
LEMON, Chet, Tigers	1694
MURPHY, Dale, Braves	1689
DOWNING, Brian, Angels	1653
TRAMMELL, Alan, Tigers	1650
LANSFORD, Carney, A's	1622
WHITAKER, Lou, Tigers	1591
MOLITOR, Paul, Brewers	1557
TRILLO, Manny, Reds	1554
SMITH, Ozzie, Cardinals	1506
SUNDBERG, Jim, Rangers	1464
HENDERSON, Rickey, Yankees	1455
CLARK, Jack, Padres	1453
MUMPHREY, Jerry	1442
BOGGS, Wade, Red Sox	1392
BAINES, Harold, White Sox	1391
HERNDON, Larry, Tigers	1334
PARRISH, Lance, Angels	1328
GRIFFIN, Alfredo, Dodgers	1326
RAINES, Tim, Expos	1319
KNIGHT, Ray	1311

RUNS BATTED IN*(Inactive players 1500 or more)*

Hank Aaron	2297
Babe Ruth	2211
Lou Gehrig	1990
Ty Cobb	1961
Stan Musial	1951
Jimmie Fox	1921
Willie Mays	1903
Mel Ott	1860
Carl Yastrzemski	1844
Ted Williams	1839
Al Simmons	1827
Frank Robinson	1812
Honus Wagner	1732
Cap Anson	1715
Reggie Jackson	1702
Tony Perez	1652
Ernie Banks	1636
Goose Goslin	1609
Nap Lajoie	1599
Rogers Hornsby	1584
Harmon Killebrew	1584
Al Kaline	1583
Jake Beckley	1575
SCHMIDT, Mike, Phillies	1567
Tris Speaker	1559
Willie McCovey	1555
Harry Heilmann	1551
Willie Stargell	1540
Joe DiMaggio	1537
Sam Crawford	1525
Mickey Mantle	1509
WINFIELD, Dave, Yankees	1438
RICE, Jim, Red Sox	1423
SIMMONS, Ted	1389
EVANS, Darrell	1315
NETTLES, Graig	1314
BAYLOR, Don	1276
PARKER, Dave, A's	1245
BRETT, George, Royals	1231
MURRAY, Eddie, Dodgers	1190
BUCKNER, Bill, Royals	1189
EVANS, Dwight, Red Sox	1183
CARTER, Gary, Mets	1128
HENDRICK, George	1111
BELL, Buddy, Rangers	1103
FISK, Carlton, White Sox	1098
CRUZ, Jose	1077
DAWSON, Andre, Cubs	1054
HERNANDEZ, Keith, Mets	1044
LYNN, Fred, Tigers	1042
YOUNT, Robin, Brewers	1021
MURPHY, Dale, Braves	1004
PARRISH, Larry	992
CONCEPCION, Dave	950
CLARK, Jack, Padres	904
DOWNING, Brian, Angels	875
WHITE, Frank, Royals	829
PARRISH, Lance, Angels	827
LEMON, Chet, Tigers	805
GRIFFEY, Ken	794
ARMAS, Tony, Angels	785
BOONE, Bob, Royals	774
WASHINGTON, Claudell, Angels	773
BAINES, Harold, White Sox	763
SPEIER, Chris, Giants	718

HOME RUNS*(Inactive players 300 or more)*

Hank Aaron	755
Babe Ruth	714
Willie Mays	660
Frank Robinson	586
Harmon Killebrew	573
Reggie Jackson	563
SCHMIDT, Mike, Phillies	542
Mickey Mantle	536
Jimmie Fox	534
Willie McCovey	521
Ted Williams	521
Ernie Banks	512
Ed Matthews	512
Mel Ott	511
Lou Gehrig	493
Stan Musial	475
Willie Stargell	475
Carl Yastrzemski	452
Dave Kingman	442
Billy Williams	426
Duke Snider	407
EVANS, Darrell	403
Al Kaline	399
NETTLES, Graig	390
Johnny Bench	389
Frank Howard	382
RICE, Jim, Red Sox	379
Orlando Cepeda	379
Tony Perez	379
Norm Cash	377
Rocky Colavito	374
Gil Hodges	370
Ralph Kiner	369
Joe DiMaggio	361
Johnny Mize	359
Yogi Berra	358
WINFIELD, Dave, Yankees	357
Lee May	354
Dick Allen	351
George Foster	348
EVANS, Dwight, Red Sox	346
Ron Santo	342
Boog Powell	339
BAYLOR, Don	338
Joe Adcock	336
MURPHY, Dale, Braves	334
MURRAY, Eddie, Dodgers	333
Bobby Bonds	332
Hank Greenberg	331
Willie Horton	325
FISK, Carlton, White Sox	323
Roy Sievers	318
Ron Cey	316
Reggie Smith	314
Greg Luzinski	307
Al Simmons	307
CARTER, Gary, Mets	302
Rogers Hornsby	301
Chuck Klein	300
DAWSON, Andre, Cubs	298
LYNN, Fred, Tigers	289
PARKER, Dave, A's	285
HENDRICK, George	267
PARRISH, Larry	256
CLARK, Jack, Padres	256
BRETT, George, Royals	255
SIMMONS, Ted	248
PARRISH, Lance, Angels	244
ARMAS, Tony, Angels	240
DOWNING, Brian, Angels	220
HORNER, Bob	218
LEMON, Chet, Tigers	203
BELL, Buddy, Rangers	201
YOUNT, Robin, Brewers	187
STRAWBERRY, Darryl, Mets	186
RIPKEN, Cal, Orioles	183
HRBEK, Kent, Twins	176
GUERRERO, Pedro, Cardinals	176
GIBSON, Kirk, Dodgers	175
BARFIELD, Jesse, Blue Jays	174
BAINES, Harold, White Sox	173

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volunteered to play right field. So before one game, he and Dave Henderson were stretching out their arms with throws to home plate.

"There were a lot of oohs and aahs when Kirby started to throw," Laudner said.

The Japanese fans did not know what to make of Kirby Puckett. But why should they? Folks back here don't know what to make of Puckett either, from his physique to his friendly yet private personality to his incredible statistics. You can't write too long about Puckett before getting into his numbers. They're that compelling. Consider this: in 1988, when he hit .356, Puckett not only finished second in the American League batting race to, naturally, Boston's Wade Boggs, he posted the highest average by a right-handed A.L. hitter since Joe DiMaggio batted .357 for the Yankees in 1941. Only three other league righties have topped .350 in that span (Lou Boudreau, .355 in 1948; Harvey Kuenn, .353 in 1959; and Paul Molitor, .353 in 1987).

Even more fascinating, when Puckett doubled in the first inning against the White Sox last September 16, he became the fourth player in history to collect 1,000 hits before completing a fifth big-league season. The other three are all Hall of Famers: Joe Medwick (1,064), Paul Waner (1,057), and Earle Combs (1,011). Puckett now has 1,028 hits and, with a lifetime mark of .320, moved past Lyman Bostock (.318) into second place behind Rod Carew (.334) on the Twins' all-time list. Among current players, only the Yankees' Don Mattingly compares favorably with Puckett over the last four seasons. And he's as durable as he is consistent—Puckett has played in 764 of the Twins' 780 games since he made his big-league debut May 8, 1984.

"Kirby's done it from the start," said Ron Shapiro, Puckett's agent. "He was Player of the Year twice in the minors (with Elizabethton in the Appalachian League in 1982 and with Class A Visalia in the Carolina League in 1983) before he got to the major leagues, and he's just continued."

Comparisons to peers are giving way to comparisons to legends. Having his name linked with players such as DiMaggio, Medwick, and Waner is something Puckett appreciates, even if he knows little of the men themselves. "It's a great feeling to be one of the chosen few," said Puckett, who has hit .347 against left-handers and .345 at the Metrodome in his career. "All you can do is go by the numbers. You have to respect those guys."

Now Hack Wilson, there's a name that means something to Puckett. In 1930, Wilson set the major-league record for runs batted in (190) and the National League record for home runs (56). Oh, Puckett doesn't believe he could reach those marks. But he and Wilson could have shopped the same tailor. "He looks just like me," said Puckett, who keeps a photo of the stubby Wilson taped inside his locker in the Twins' clubhouse. Someday, perhaps, Puckett could share something besides stature with the Cubs' Hall of Fame slugger.

"I don't set goals," Puckett said. "I don't like to say I'm going to do something because then, if I don't, I feel like I haven't done anything. I'd rather just say nothing, go out every day, and let the numbers do the talking. When you have the numbers... it's just like playing poker and you've got a great hand."

Al Newman, a Twins' utility player and Puckett's road roommate, said, "If Puck were to hit .275—I'd take that in a second—it would be a disaster for him. It must be the way he had to battle to get where he is right now. He's had to work for everything he's got."

Puckett's personal history is the stuff of a TV movie. The youngest of nine children, he was raised in the Robert Taylor homes, one of Chicago's rougher housing projects, about a mile from Comiskey Park. The family lived in a three bedroom apartment. All 11 of them. "All of us kids made it out of there alive, and that's a blessing in itself," Puckett said.

At Calumet High School, Puckett was, to put it politely, a skinny runt until he started lifting weights. So even though his baseball skills were evident, he attracted only a few scholarship offers from small colleges. Puckett went to work on an assembly line at the Ford Motor Company, got laid off, then was hired by the Census Bureau, where he posted far less interesting numbers. His break came when Bradley University coach Dewey Kalmer spotted him at a tryout camp sponsored by the Kansas City Royals.

After one season at Bradley, Puckett transferred to Triton College, a two-year school closer to home. He hit .472 with 16 home runs there and caught the eye of Jim Rantz, a Twins' scout who now runs their minor-league department. The team selected Puckett third overall in the January 1982 draft, and gave him a \$20,000 signing bonus. Five thousand of it went to his mother, who still lives on Chicago's South Side. "I told her to buy herself some nice things, just to enjoy it," said Puckett, whose father died in 1980. "I just wanted to make sure she could have all the things she had never had before."

Against that backdrop, it's hard to picture Puckett as the World Series hero who rode in a Twin Cities motorcade in a full-length fur coat and a leather aviator's cap borrowed from Rocket J. Squirrel. Hard to imagine him getting his picture snapped by noted celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz for a credit card ad or having a national sportscaster, Bob Costas, name his baby after him. (Well, sort of. The youngster was named Keith Michael Kirby Costas.) Puckett admits it's been quite a rocket ride.

"I never thought, if I had a chance to make the big leagues, I'd ever hit .356 or drive in 121 runs. I can't even believe I'll be 28 next year. A lot of time's gone by. It's the same every year. You get to spring training, whoosh, the year's gone," Puckett said. "But I don't want to cruise. That's not the way I do things. I have one of the best jobs in the world and I get paid for it. There's still a lot of fire inside me. I know that. A lot of fire."

Some of that fire helped Puckett transform himself from a defensive-oriented singles' hitter into a power threat. He likes to tell a story about his first few days in the majors, before a game the Twins played in Anaheim.

"I was sitting on the bench and Reggie Jackson came over. He said, 'How are you doing? I'm Reggie Jackson. I like the way you play. You look like a home-run hitter.' I said, 'No, I just hit line drives.' Then he said, 'What am I doing talking to you?' and made a joke about it," Puckett said. "I went up to the cage to watch him hit, and... Reggie told me some-

thing I'll never forget. He said, 'As long as you're in this league, Puck, don't you forget: the cream always rises to the top.' I'll never forget that."

The cream did rise, with a little help from Twins' batting instructor Tony Oliva. Oliva's advice: keep your weight back, wait a little longer and let your strength take over. The results? Through 1985, Puckett had four home runs in 1,248 at-bats. Since then, he's hit 83 in 1,961. At his early pace, the outfielder would have needed 26,000 at bats to hit 83.

Puckett's average and RBI totals have improved since then, too. He hit .328 with 31 HRs and 96 RBIs in 1986, then .332, 28, and 99 in 1987. That, of course, was the season in which the Twins, despite an 85-77 season record, surprised the baseball world with a World Series title. It is Puckett's greatest moment as a player and helped solidify his status as the team's most popular member.

"With Harmon Killebrew, there was an awe factor with the fans," said Tom Mee, the Twins' public relations director. "There's no awe factor with Puckett. Killebrew—they wanted to shake his hand, almost like a god. People want to snuggle up to Puckett."

Puckett's popularity has made him about as marketable as a Midwest athlete, at least outside Chicago, can be. His 1988 season (.356, 24, 121) helped, too. Puckett helped the Twins improve to 91-71, though it was overlooked in Oakland's dominating performance, and draw a league-record attendance of 3,030,672. He placed third behind the A's Jose Canseco and Boston's Mike Greenwell in A.L. MVP balloting. But despite a stuffed Kirby Bear doll that was briefly available and some speaking engagements, Puckett has shied away from most commercial deals. He didn't cash in. He was, however, likely to boost his income from the \$1.09 million salary he agreed to in 1987 just before arbitration. Puckett, who won't be eligible for free agency until after the 1990 season, was expected to come close to \$2 million for 1989.

There's a strong private side to Puckett. If it's possible for someone to be bubbly and reclusive at the same time, that's Puckett. Thoroughly unimpressed with himself. "Any idea you might have of a baseball player, any negative idea, he really breaks all of that," said his wife, Tonya. "He's so different. Really down-to-earth, easy to get along with."

"Just because I make a lot of money now, I'm not going to take it easy," Puckett said. "It's not like that. I've concentrated on this all my life. That's how I got here. I'm not going to change anything."

One other thing not likely to change is his reputation as a free swinger. Try as he might, Puckett has never been able to be as patient at the plate as Boggs, for example. He has trouble being as patient as Ralph Garr. Puckett walked just 23 times in 657 at-bats last season for an on-base percentage of .375, only .019 higher than his batting average. He has just 146 career bases on balls.

"Believe me, I've tried. I go up there saying, 'I'm gonna be more selective.' You know what happens? Fastball down the middle," Puckett said. "I don't see that pitch again all night."

So Puckett swings away. Why shouldn't he? These days, life itself is one big fastball down the middle.

just goes to show he has a sense of humor. He traded me to Pittsburgh."

Van Slyke knew the positive side of the deal meant he would get his chance to be a full-time player. But he was more wrapped up in the negatives. "Considering I had just been traded to a team that had been last three years in a row, I wasn't too excited about going down to Bradenton [the Pirates' training base in Florida]," he admitted. As a St. Louis Cardinal, being traded to the Pirates was pretty degrading."

It didn't take long, however, for Van Slyke's opinion to change. He discovered being a Pirate might not be so bad after all.

"Three things happened," he said. "We bought a house in Pittsburgh and moved in, I moved to center field, and I moved my locker. Things started happening in my big-league career that had never happened before. I began to have some success and I got the chance to play every day. For the first time I had people appreciate what I did on the baseball field. My confidence in my ability grew."

Van Slyke knew he had been given an opportunity, and he didn't intend to waste it. "I went into a situation in Pittsburgh where I had nothing to lose," he said. "If I had continued to play mediocre baseball, it wouldn't have really changed things in Pittsburgh or in my career. I had said for three years I wanted to play every day, and it was time to put up or shut up. It was the right situation at the right time for me."

Van Slyke was also the right player at the right time for the Pirates, a franchise that many thought would be better off playing somewhere else. He brought with him a fresh attitude, a desire to win and have fun, and most of all, the talent to succeed.

"When I got over [here] it was almost like losing was just an accepted part of the process, and that didn't sit well with me. It was really shocking how easy everyone took losing. We had to change the attitude and get some players who weren't ashamed of being a Pirate and believed they could win. My idea when I show up at the ballpark is to win and have fun doing it."

Leyland noticed quickly that Van Slyke was the type of player the team could build around and the fans could rally around. "The biggest thing he did was get his pants dirty," Leyland said. "He played hard, and people took to him for that reason."

In 1987, Van Slyke set or tied his career high in every offensive category except walks. He was named the team's MVP in a media poll and the Most Popular Pirate in a vote by the fans. He was even better in 1988, leading the team to its best record since 1979 and a second-place finish in the National League East, 15 games behind the Mets.

Van Slyke expects his and the club's performance to improve further in 1989. "I would hope we'll be in a position to compete for the division," he said. "It's a tough division to win, but I believe we can be competitive with the Mets. We have to prove to ourselves that we can beat them."

Van Slyke has helped turn the Pirates from a doormat into a contender, and the fans are returning to Three Rivers Stadium—something many people didn't think was possible a few years earlier. The continuous smile on Van Slyke's face doesn't need an explanation.

"When you are doing well personally, it's very easy to have fun," he said. "I know what it's like to struggle, and I like to have fun. I'm a guy who loves the Lord, loves his family, loves his job and likes to have fun in all three categories. The only thing we're missing is apple pie and four-door Chevys, and my wife doesn't bake well and I hate Chevys."

Van Slyke, unlike a lot of players, enjoys talking and kidding with reporters, and his quips and one-liners have added to his growing popularity as one of baseball's fun people.

Van Slyke had a somewhat strained relationship in St. Louis with manager Whitey Herzog, but it helped last year when Herzog said he thought Van Slyke was the league's MVP.

"As much as baseball players don't like to admit it, the media is part of the game," he said. "I don't think players have enough fun with the media. They take themselves too seriously and get too uptight. A lot of the trouble players have with the media is they react instead of just act. Now I don't want to disappoint the media. It's kind of like after you've had a good year on the field—the only place you can go is downhill. I'm going to have to start reading a lot of books."

There isn't much chance that Van Slyke's career on the field is headed downhill anytime soon. His goals for 1989 are to cut down on his strikeouts, hit for a better average against left-handers, and steal more bases. It was inability to hit left-handers that was Van Slyke's chief failure in Herzog's eyes in St. Louis, and even though he is now playing every day, Van Slyke has still struggled. He hit .334 against right-handers in 1987 and .231 versus left-handers. Last year, the disparity was even greater: a .339 average against right-handers, a .191 mark against lefties.

"I know my eyesight is better in my left eye than in my right, and I don't know if that has anything to do with it," Van Slyke said. "It just seems like I don't pick up the release of the ball from left-handers very well. The difference in the release point between right-handers and left-handers has got to be 4 or 5 feet."

Van Slyke bought a pitching machine so he can practice during the winter, and he thinks more experience will help close the gap in his averages. He also plans a change in strategy. "All I really need to do is hit 50 points higher [against lefties], and that would get me over .300 [total]," he said. "Maybe I could do better if I start bunting more, especially when I'm leading off an inning."

His poor average against left-handers is perhaps the only flaw in Van Slyke's game, and Leyland agrees that that shortcoming can be corrected. "He's got to develop a little bet-

ter mental approach," Leyland said. "Even though his record wasn't very good, he still got a lot of big hits against left-handers."

Even if Van Slyke, who turned 28 in December, does improve his performance, he knows that will not make him a perfect player. He is satisfied with being a very good player, one who does a lot of things well. "I don't think I really do anything outstanding," he said. "I think I do a lot of things well—throw, run, play defense, hit—I can steal bases and I have a pretty good idea of what is going on during the course of the game. I take a lot of pride in my all-around performance."

If Van Slyke has any regrets about his career, it's that he never played as well as he would have liked for the Cardinals, always being expected to do more than he did. Van Slyke believes he never was appreciated in St. Louis, "partially because of the high expectations. My unlimited potential was so unlimited I could never fulfill it."

Van Slyke never found a true position with the Cardinals, bouncing from first base to third base to the outfield. In retrospect, he thinks that hurt him the most, along with constantly moving in and out of the lineup.

"When I look back, I think it was very unfair for the Cardinals to expect me to play third when I had just 35 games [there] under my belt at Louisville," Van Slyke said. "And a lot of balls did go under my belt, to the side of my belt, and bounced off my belt. I was tired of being told what I couldn't do. I don't think anybody ever said I did a good job at something."

Van Slyke had a somewhat strained relationship with Herzog during his years in St. Louis, but it helped last year when Herzog said he thought Van Slyke was the league's Most Valuable Player.

"It made a difference to me personally because I appreciated him feeling that way when he could very easily have said nothing," Van Slyke said. "I respect him for saying that. I learned a lot playing in St. Louis. I learned what it was like to play on a winning team, I played for a great manager and with a lot of great players. The only regret I've got is that I didn't do what I was capable of doing in St. Louis."

The unanswerable question in Van Slyke's career is what would have happened if the trade had been an April Fools' joke and he had remained with the Cardinals.

"What if I had got 550-600 at-bats, what would I have done?" Van Slyke asked. "What if I had played 160 games four years in a row? I don't know. No disrespect to Tom Herr, but if I had been playing every day and hitting third in front of Jack Clark, I think I could have had the numbers [Herr] did. We might have had the real Andy Van Slyke stand up."

In reality, though, Van Slyke is convinced that had he stayed in St. Louis, the last two years likely would not have been markedly different from the first four.

"If I was still in St. Louis, I would still be fighting for a job, trying to prove myself," he said. "It had really got to the point where I was not believing in myself anymore. I didn't know if I could have been content in that role. Should I have been grateful just to be in the big leagues, and not expect anything more?"

The trade to the Pirates gave Andy Van Slyke his answer.

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CLUB	BAT	OBA	SLG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	LOB	SHO
Boston.....	283	.357	.420	162	5545	813	1569	2329	310	39	124	760	66	55	45	623	53	728	65	36	139	1269	13
Minnesota.....	274	.340	.421	162	5510	759	1508	2317	294	31	151	710	37	50	55	528	52	832	107	63	130	1158	9
Toronto.....	268	.332	.419	162	5557	763	1491	2330	271	47	158	706	34	50	31	521	35	935	107	36	145	1105	3
Oakland.....	263	.336	.399	162	5602	800	1474	2237	251	22	156	752	54	55	65	580	29	926	129	54	142	1158	11
New York.....	263	.333	.395	161	5592	772	1469	2209	272	12	148	713	36	51	30	588	56	935	146	39	130	1170	6
California.....	261	.321	.385	162	5582	714	1458	2150	258	31	124	660	63	52	49	469	48	819	86	52	120	1119	7
Cleveland.....	261	.314	.387	162	5505	666	1435	2128	235	28	134	629	36	51	37	416	43	866	97	50	108	1069	10
Kansas City.....	259	.321	.391	161	5469	704	1419	2137	275	40	121	671	46	51	33	486	44	944	137	54	105	1104	12
Seattle.....	257	.317	.398	161	5436	664	1397	2166	271	27	148	617	40	42	38	461	24	787	95	61	135	1044	14
Milwaukee.....	257	.314	.375	162	5488	682	1409	2058	258	26	113	632	59	41	37	439	55	911	159	55	123	1058	14
Texas.....	252	.320	.368	161	5479	637	1378	2019	227	39	112	589	48	53	35	542	43	1022	130	57	111	1174	9
Detroit.....	250	.324	.378	162	5433	703	1358	2056	213	28	143	650	66	37	29	588	38	841	87	42	136	1124	10
Chicago.....	244	.303	.370	161	5449	631	1327	2017	224	35	132	573	67	43	34	446	50	908	98	46	118	1058	7
Baltimore.....	238	.305	.359	161	5358	550	1275	1925	199	20	137	517	40	45	32	504	31	869	69	44	140	1092	14

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CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IB	SO	WP	BK	E	DP	TP
Oakland.....	104	58	3.44	162	22	9	64	1489.1	1376	620	569	116	29	553	27	983	62	76	105	151	0
Milwaukee.....	87	75	3.45	162	30	8	51	1449.1	1355	616	555	125	19	437	47	832	36	39	120	146	0
Kansas City.....	84	77	3.65	161	29	12	32	1428.1	1415	648	580	102	33	465	39	886	55	27	124	147	1
Detroit.....	88	74	3.71	162	34	8	36	1445.2	1361	658	596	150	32	497	68	890	57	27	109	129	0
Toronto.....	87	75	3.80	162	16	17	47	1449.0	1404	680	611	143	59	528	49	904	48	29	110	170	0
Minnesota.....	91	71	3.93	162	18	9	52	1431.2	1457	672	625	146	42	453	28	897	43	38	84	155	2
Boston.....	89	73	3.97	162	26	14	37	1426.1	1415	689	629	143	37	493	34	1085	45	39	93	123	0
Texas.....	70	91	4.05	161	41	11	31	1438.2	1310	735	647	129	56	654	33	912	72	57	131	145	0
Chicago.....	71	90	4.12	161	11	9	43	1439.0	1467	757	659	138	35	533	34	754	61	30	154	177	0
Seattle.....	68	93	4.15	161	28	11	28	1428.0	1385	744	659	144	36	558	57	981	50	55	123	168	0
Cleveland.....	78	84	4.16	162	35	10	46	1434.0	1501	731	663	120	38	442	28	812	36	38	124	131	0
New York.....	85	76	4.24	161	16	5	43	1456.0	1512	748	686	157	49	487	42	861	36	41	134	161	0
California.....	75	87	4.32	162	26	9	33	1455.2	1503	771	698	135	42	568	67	817	68	37	135	175	0
Baltimore.....	54	107	4.54	161	20	7	26	1416.0	1506	789	714	153	43	523	48	709	42	25	119	172	0

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CLUB	HOME	ROAD	vsEAST	vsWEST	vsLHP	vsRHP	GRASS	ARTIF	DAY	NIGHT	1-RUN	X-INN	DH W L S
Baltimore.....	34-46	20-61	25-53	29-54	20-39	34-68	49-87	5-20	9-30	45-77	15-24	7-4	1 2 3
Boston.....	53-28	36-45	44-34	45-39	21-26	68-47	80-58	9-15	36-26	53-47	19-26	5-5	2 1 3
California.....	35-46	40-41	39-45	36-42	27-35	48-54	61-77	14-10	21-24	54-63	26-28	10-8	1 0 1
Chicago.....	40-41	31-49	34-49	37-41	19-32	52-58	59-75	12-15	22-23	49-67	25-27	6-15	0 0 5
Cleveland.....	44-37	34-47	39-39	39-45	21-19	57-65	69-68	9-16	20-28	58-56	23-20	6-3	1 1 1
Detroit.....	50-31	38-43	42-36	46-38	30-25	58-49	80-58	8-16	30-24	58-50	31-21	7-7	2 0 1
Kansas City.....	44-36	40-41	41-43	43-34	31-24	53-53	32-30	52-47	22-20	62-57	28-23	5-5	0 1 0
Milwaukee.....	47-34	40-41	37-41	50-34	28-28	59-47	72-66	15- 9	27-24	60-51	19-21	5-7	0 1 2
Minnesota.....	47-34	44-37	47-37	44-34	22-24	69-47	34-28	57-43	30-22	61-49	21-21	2-6	3 0 1
New York.....	46-34	39-42	39-39	46-37	28-29	57-47	68-68	17- 8	27-23	58-53	23-25	7-10	0 1 1
Oakland.....	54-27	50-31	57-27	47-31	24-25	80-33	87-50	17- 8	45-22	59-36	30-17	14-5	1 2 0
Seattle.....	37-44	31-49	37-47	31-46	21-32	47-61	26-36	42-57	15-26	53-67	21-22	6-7	0 1 1
Texas.....	38-43	32-48	36-47	34-44	20-30	50-61	58-77	12-14	14-20	56-71	21-31	7-5	0 1 1
Toronto.....	45-36	42-39	47-31	40-44	23-29	64-46	33-30	54-45	24-30	63-45	21-17	6-6	0 0 0

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CLUB	BAT	OBA	SLG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	LOB	SHO
Chicago.....	.261	.310	.383	163	5675	660	1481	2174	262	46	113	612	57	46	21	403	58	910	120	46	109	1136	13
New York.....	.256	.325	.396	160	5408	703	1387	2142	251	24	152	659	65	56	32	544	79	842	140	51	94	1138	6
Montreal.....	.251	.309	.373	163	5573	628	1400	2077	260	48	107	575	66	44	32	454	71	1053	189	89	120	1081	12
St. Louis.....	.249	.309	.337	162	5518	578	1373	1859	207	33	71	536	105	48	22	484	61	827	234	64	110	1174	16
San Francisco.....	.248	.318	.368	162	5450	670	1353	2007	227	44	113	629	91	51	33	550	71	1023	121	78	96	1130	14
Los Angeles.....	.248	.305	.352	162	5431	628	1346	1910	217	25	99	587	95	50	32	437	65	947	131	46	118	1075	10
San Diego.....	.247	.311	.351	161	5366	594	1325	1882	205	35	94	566	106	45	21	494	59	892	123	50	117	1109	11
Pittsburgh.....	.247	.317	.369	160	5379	651	1327	1987	240	45	110	619	66	60	32	553	65	947	119	60	97	1137	10
Cincinnati.....	.246	.309	.368	161	5426	641	1334	1996	246	25	122	588	69	51	37	479	60	922	207	56	99	1075	14
Houston.....	.244	.306	.351	162	5494	617	1338	1927	239	31	96	575	77	44	38	474	67	840	198	71	103	1087	14
Atlanta.....	.242	.298	.348	160	5440	555	1319	1891	228	28	96	527	74	46	21	432	59	848	95	69	136	1038	17
Philadelphia.....	.240	.306	.355	162	5403	597	1294	1920	246	31	106	567	67	48	47	489	51	981	112	49	106	1115	16

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CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IB	SO	WP	BK	E	DP	TP
New York.....	100	60	2.91	160	31	22	46	1439.0	1253	532	465	78	35	404	33	1100	41	40	115	127	1
Los Angeles.....	94	67	2.96	162	32	24	49	1463.1	1291	544	482	84	22	473	61	1029	43	30	142	126	0
Montreal.....	81	81	3.08	163	18	12	43	1482.2	1310	592	508	122	36	476	61	923	39	41	142	145	0
San Diego.....	83	78	3.28	161	30	9	39	1449.0	1332	583	528	112	21	439	52	885	41	16	120	147	0
Cincinnati.....	87	74	3.35	161	24	13	43	1455.0	1271	596	541	121	27	504	62	934	33	37	125	131	0
San Francisco.....	83	79	3.39	162	25	13	42	1462.1	1323	626	550	99	30	422	68	875	44	22	129	145	0
Houston.....	82	80	3.41	162	21	15	40	1474.2	1339	631	558	123	37	478	73	1049	31	34	138	124	0
Pittsburgh.....	85	75	3.47	160	12	11	46	1440.2	1349	616	555	108	32	469	47	790	66	40	125	126	0
St. Louis.....	76	86	3.47	162	17	14	42	1470.2	1387	633	567	91	18	486	90	881	60	33	121	131	1
Chicago.....	77	85	3.84	163	30	10	29	1464.1	1494	694	625	115	31	490	75	897	56	26	125	128	0
Atlanta.....	54	106	4.09	160	14	4	25	1446.0	1481	741	657	108	43	524	65	810	45	28	151	138	0
Philadelphia.....	65	96	4.14	162	16	6	36	1433.0	1447	734	659	118	36	628	79	859	52	19	145	139	0

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CLUB	HOME	ROAD	vsEAST	vsWEST	vsLHP	vsRHP	GRASS	ARTIF	DAY	NIGHT	1-RUN	X-INN	DH WLS
Atlanta.....	28-51	26-55	27-43	27-63	22-29	32-77	41-77	13-29	13-26	41-80	24-36	11-7	1 2 4
Chicago.....	39-42	38-43	40-50	37-35	25-22	52-63	56-58	21-27	47-55	30-30	23-24	9-9	0 2 3
Cincinnati.....	45-35	42-39	37-34	50-40	23-19	64-55	25-23	62-51	24-26	63-48	27-20	8-9	0 0 1
Houston.....	44-37	38-43	38-34	44-46	30-25	52-55	21-27	61-53	19-26	63-54	26-26	8-11	0 1 1
Los Angeles.....	45-36	49-31	41-30	53-37	26-27	68-40	67-52	27-15	29-19	65-48	28-28	7-7	4 1 1
Montreal.....	43-38	38-43	45-45	36-36	30-19	51-62	15-27	66-54	23-24	58-57	32-27	18-7	0 1 2
New York.....	56-24	44-36	57-33	43-27	31-19	69-41	75-38	25-22	34-20	66-40	31-21	9-5	2 0 1
Philadelphia.....	38-42	27-54	40-50	25-46	20-29	45-67	15-27	50-69	21-21	44-75	20-26	5-9	1 0 3
Pittsburgh.....	43-38	42-37	49-41	36-34	24-24	61-51	19-21	66-54	22-19	63-56	30-23	11-7	0 1 1
St. Louis.....	41-40	35-46	39-51	37-35	27-31	49-55	18-24	58-62	22-29	54-57	24-29	7-11	0 0 0
San Diego.....	47-34	36-44	34-37	49-41	28-29	55-49	65-55	18-23	25-25	58-53	26-30	5-10	1 1 3
San Francisco.....	45-36	38-43	36-36	47-43	25-28	58-51	66-54	17-25	39-28	44-51	25-26	6-12	1 1 0

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TOP 15 QUALIFIERS FOR BATTING CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER, TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS
Boggs, W., Bos.*	.366	155	584	128	214	286	45	6	5	58	2	3
Puckett, K., Min.	.356	158	657	109	234	358	42	5	24	121	6	7
Greenwell, M., Bos.*	.325	158	590	86	192	313	39	8	22	119	16	8
Winfield, D., N.Y.	.322	149	559	96	180	296	37	2	25	107	9	4
Molitor, P., Mil.	.312	154	609	115	190	275	34	6	13	60	41	10
Hrbek, K., Min.*	.312	143	510	75	159	265	31	0	25	76	0	3
Trammell, A., Det.	.311	128	466	73	145	216	24	1	15	69	7	4
Mattingly, D., N.Y.*	.311	144	599	94	186	277	37	0	18	88	1	0
Canseco, J., Oak	.307	158	610	120	187	347	34	0	42	124	40	16
Yount, R., Mil.	.306	162	621	92	190	289	38	11	13	91	22	4
Ray, J., Cal. #	.306	153	602	75	184	258	42	7	6	83	4	1
Brett, G., K.C.*	.306	157	589	90	180	300	42	3	24	103	14	3
Henderson, R., N.Y.	.305	140	554	118	169	221	30	2	6	50	93	13
Seitzer, K., K.C.	.304	149	559	90	170	227	32	5	5	60	10	8
Henderson, D., Oak	.304	146	507	100	154	266	38	1	24	94	2	4

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Allanson, A., Cle.	.263	133	434	44	114	140	11	0	5	50	5	9
Anderson, B., Bos.-Bal.*	.212	94	325	31	69	93	13	4	1	21	10	6
Armas, T., Cal.	.272	120	368	42	100	163	20	2	13	49	1	3
Baines, H., Chi.*	.277	158	599	55	166	246	39	1	13	81	0	0
Balboni, S., K.C.-Sea.	.235	118	413	46	97	185	17	1	23	66	0	1
Barfield, J., Tor.	.244	137	468	62	114	199	21	5	18	56	7	3
Barrett, M., Bos.	.283	150	612	83	173	206	28	1	1	65	7	3
Baylort, D., Oak	.220	92	264	28	58	86	7	0	7	34	0	1
Bell, G., Tor.	.269	156	614	78	165	274	27	5	24	97	4	2
Benzinger, T., Bos. #	.254	120	405	47	103	172	28	1	13	70	2	3
Bergman, D., Det.*	.294	116	289	37	85	114	14	0	5	35	0	2
Boone, B., Cal.	.295	122	352	38	104	136	17	0	5	39	2	2
Boston, D., Chi.*	.217	105	281	37	61	122	12	2	15	31	9	3
Bradley, S., Sea.	.257	103	335	45	86	117	17	1	4	33	1	1
Braggs, G., Mil.	.261	72	272	30	71	115	14	0	10	42	6	4
Brantley, M., Sea.	.263	149	577	76	152	230	25	4	15	56	18	7
Brock, G., Mil.	.212	115	364	53	77	113	16	1	6	50	6	2
Brooks, T., Det.	.243	136	441	62	107	155	23	5	5	38	4	4
Buckner, B., Cal.-K.C.*	.249	108	285	19	71	94	14	0	3	43	5	1
Buechele, S., Tex.	.250	155	503	68	126	203	21	4	16	58	2	4
Burks, E., Bos.	.294	144	540	93	159	260	37	5	18	92	25	9
Bush, R., Min.*	.261	136	394	51	103	171	20	3	14	51	8	6
Carter, J., Cle.	.271	157	621	85	168	297	36	6	27	98	27	5
Cerone, R., Bos.	.269	84	264	31	71	95	13	1	3	27	0	0
Clark, J., N.Y.	.242	150	496	81	120	215	14	0	27	93	3	2
Colto, H., Sea.	.259	133	386	50	100	144	18	1	8	33	27	3
Davis, A., Sea.*	.295	140	478	67	141	221	24	1	18	69	1	1
Davis, C., Cal. #	.268	158	600	81	161	259	29	3	21	93	9	10
Deer, R., Mil.	.252	135	492	71	124	217	24	0	23	85	9	5
Downing, B., Cal.	.242	135	484	80	117	214	18	2	25	64	3	4
Espy, C., Tex. #	.248	123	347	46	86	121	17	6	2	39	33	10
Evans, D., Det.*	.208	144	437	48	91	166	9	0	22	64	1	4
Evans, D., Bos.	.293	149	559	96	164	272	31	7	21	111	5	1
Fernandez, T., Tor. #	.287	154	648	76	186	250	41	4	5	70	15	5
Fletcher, S., Tex.	.276	140	515	59	142	169	19	4	0	47	8	5
Franco, J., Cle.	.303	152	613	88	186	251	23	6	10	54	25	11
Gaetti, G., Min.	.301	133	468	66	141	258	29	2	28	88	7	4
Gagne, G., Min.	.236	149	461	70	109	183	20	6	14	48	15	7
Gallagher, D., Chi.	.303	101	347	59	105	141	15	3	5	31	5	4
Gallego, M., Oak	.209	129	277	38	58	72	8	0	2	20	2	3
Gantner, J., Mil.*	.276	155	539	67	149	181	28	2	0	47	20	8
Gedman, R., Bos.*	.231	95	299	33	69	110	14	0	9	39	0	0
Gladden, D., Min.	.269	141	576	91	155	232	32	6	11	62	28	8
Gruber, K., Tor.	.278	158	569	75	158	249	33	5	16	81	23	5
Guillen, O., Chi.*	.261	156	566	58	148	178	16	7	0	39	25	13
Hall, M., Cle.*	.280	150	515	69	144	202	32	4	6	71	7	3
Hassey, R., Oak.*	.257	107	323	32	83	119	15	0	7	45	2	0
Herr, T., Min. #	.263	86	304	42	80	99	16	0	1	21	10	3
Howell, J., Cal.*	.254	154	500	59	127	211	32	2	16	63	2	6
Hubbard, G., Oak	.255	105	294	35	75	100	12	2	3	33	1	3
Incaviglia, P., Tex.	.249	116	418	59	104	195	19	3	22	54	6	4
Jackson, B., K.C.	.246	124	439	63	108	207	16	4	25	68	27	6
Jacoby, B., Cle.	.241	152	552	59	133	185	25	0	9	49	2	3

PLAYER, TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS
Javier, S., Oak. #	.257	125	397	49	102	127	13	3	2	35	20	1
Joyner, W., Cal.	.295	158	597	81	176	250	31	2	13	85	8	2
Kennedy, T., Bal. *	.226	85	265	20	60	79	10	0	3	16	0	0
Knight, R., Det.	.217	105	299	34	65	90	12	2	3	33	1	1
Lansford, C., Oak	.279	150	556	80	155	200	20	2	7	57	29	8
Larkin, G., Min. #	.267	149	505	56	135	193	30	2	8	70	3	2
Laudner, T., Min.	.251	117	375	38	94	153	18	1	13	54	0	0
Lee, M., Tor. #	.291	116	381	38	111	139	16	3	2	38	3	3
Lemon, C., Det.	.264	144	512	67	135	223	29	4	17	64	1	2
Leonard, J., Mil.	.235	94	374	45	88	131	19	0	8	44	10	4
Liriano, N., Tor. #	.264	99	276	36	73	92	6	2	3	23	12	5
Lombardozzi, S., Min.	.209	103	287	34	60	88	15	2	3	27	2	5
Lynn, F., Bal.-Det. *	.246	114	391	46	96	187	14	1	25	56	2	2
Lyons, S., Chi. *	.269	146	472	59	127	176	28	3	5	45	1	2
Manrique, F., Chi.	.235	140	345	43	81	118	10	6	5	37	6	5
McDowell, O., Tex. *	.247	120	437	55	108	155	19	5	6	37	33	10
McGriff, F., Tor. *	.282	154	536	100	151	296	35	4	34	82	6	1
McGwire, M., Oak	.260	155	550	87	143	263	22	1	32	99	0	0
Meyer, J., Mil.	.263	103	327	22	86	137	18	0	11	45	0	1
Moseby, L., Tor. *	.239	128	472	77	113	174	17	7	10	42	31	8
Mulliniks, R., Tor. *	.300	119	337	49	101	160	21	1	12	48	1	0
Murray, E., Bal. #	.284	161	603	75	171	286	27	2	28	84	5	2
Nokes, M., Del. *	.251	122	382	53	96	162	18	0	16	53	0	1
O'Brien, P., Tex.	.272	156	547	57	149	223	24	1	16	71	1	4
Orsulak, J., Bal. *	.288	125	379	48	109	160	21	3	8	27	9	8
Pagliarulo, M., N.Y. *	.216	125	444	46	96	163	20	1	15	67	1	0
Parker, D., Oak. *	.257	101	377	43	97	153	18	1	12	55	0	1
Parrish, L., Tex.-Bos.	.217	120	406	32	88	146	14	1	14	52	0	1
Pasqua, D., Chi. *	.227	129	422	48	96	176	16	2	20	50	1	0
Petralli, G., Tex. *	.282	129	351	35	99	138	14	2	7	36	0	1
Pettis, G., Det. #	.210	129	458	65	96	127	14	4	3	36	44	10
Phelps, K., Sea.-N.Y. *	.263	117	297	54	78	163	13	0	24	54	1	0
Polonia, L., Oak. *	.292	84	288	51	84	109	11	4	2	27	24	9
Presley, J., Sea.	.230	150	544	50	125	193	26	0	14	62	3	5
Quinones, R., Sea.	.248	140	499	63	124	196	30	3	12	52	0	3
Randolph, W., N.Y.	.230	110	404	43	93	121	20	1	2	34	8	4
Reed, J., Bos.	.293	109	338	60	99	127	23	1	1	28	1	3
Reynolds, H., Sea. #	.283	158	598	61	169	229	26	11	4	41	35	29
Rice, J., Bos.	.264	135	485	57	128	197	18	3	15	72	1	1
Ripken, B., Bal.	.207	150	512	52	106	132	18	1	2	34	8	2
Ripken, C., Bal.	.264	161	575	87	152	248	25	1	23	81	2	2
Salazar, L., Det.	.270	130	452	61	122	174	14	1	12	62	6	0
Santana, R., N.Y.	.240	148	480	50	115	141	12	1	4	38	1	2
Schofield, D., Cal.	.239	155	527	61	126	167	11	6	6	34	20	5
Schu, R., Bal.	.256	89	270	22	69	98	9	4	4	20	6	4
Sheets, L., Bal. *	.230	136	452	38	104	155	19	1	10	47	1	6
Sheridan, P., Det. *	.254	127	347	47	88	140	9	5	11	47	8	6
Sierra, R., Tex. #	.254	156	615	77	156	261	32	2	23	91	18	4
Slaughter, D., N.Y.	.283	97	322	33	91	145	25	1	9	43	1	0
Snyder, C., Cle.	.272	142	511	71	139	247	24	3	26	75	5	1
Steinbach, T., Oak.	.265	104	351	42	93	141	19	1	9	51	3	0
Stillwell, K., K.C. #	.251	128	459	63	115	183	28	5	10	53	6	5
Surhoff, B., Mil. #	.245	139	493	47	121	157	21	0	5	38	21	6
Sveum, D., Mil. #	.242	129	467	41	113	162	14	4	9	51	1	0
Tabler, P., Cle.-K.C.	.282	130	444	53	125	159	22	3	2	66	3	0
Tartabull, D., K.C.	.274	146	507	80	139	261	38	3	26	102	8	5
Tettleton, M., Bal. #	.261	86	283	31	74	120	11	1	11	37	0	1
Traber, J., Bal. *	.222	103	352	25	78	114	6	0	10	45	1	2
Upshaw, W., Cle. *	.245	149	493	58	121	182	22	3	11	50	12	9
Valle, D., Sea.	.231	93	290	29	67	116	15	2	10	50	0	1
Walker, G., Chi. *	.247	99	377	45	93	141	22	1	8	42	0	1
Washington, C., N.Y. *	.308	126	455	62	140	201	22	3	11	64	15	6
Weiss, W., Oak. #	.250	147	452	44	113	145	17	3	3	39	4	0
Whitaker, L., Del. *	.275	115	403	54	111	169	18	2	12	55	2	0
White, D., Cal. #	.259	122	455	76	118	177	22	2	11	51	17	8
White, F., K.C.	.235	150	537	48	126	177	25	1	8	58	7	3
Whitt, E., Tor. *	.251	127	398	63	100	163	11	2	16	70	4	2
Wilkerson, C., Tex. #	.293	117	338	41	99	121	12	5	0	28	9	4
Wilson, G., Sea.	.250	78	284	28	71	92	10	1	3	17	1	1
Wilson, W., K.C. #	.262	147	591	81	155	197	17	11	1	37	35	5

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PLAYER, TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS
Gwynn, T., S.D.*	.313	133	521	64	163	216	22	5	7	70	26	11
Palmeiro, R., Chi.*	.307	152	580	75	178	253	41	5	8	53	12	2
Dawson, A., Chi.	.303	157	591	78	179	298	31	8	24	79	12	4
Galaraga, A., Mon.	.302	157	609	99	184	329	42	8	29	92	13	4
Perry, G., Atl.*	.300	141	547	61	164	219	29	1	8	74	29	14
Grace, M., Chi.*	.296	134	486	65	144	196	23	4	7	57	3	3
Larkin, B., Cin.	.296	151	588	91	174	252	32	5	12	56	40	7
Law, V., Chi.	.293	151	556	73	163	229	29	2	11	78	1	4
McGee, W., St.L.#	.292	137	562	73	164	209	24	6	3	50	41	6
Daniels, K., Cin.*	.291	140	495	95	144	229	29	1	18	64	27	6
Gibson, K., L.A.*	.290	150	542	106	157	262	28	1	25	76	31	4
McReynolds, K., N.Y.	.288	147	552	82	159	274	30	2	27	99	21	0
Van Slyke, A., Pit.*	.288	154	587	101	169	297	23	15	25	100	30	9
Butler, B., S.F.*	.287	157	568	109	163	226	27	9	6	43	43	20
Bonds, B., Pit.*	.283	144	538	97	152	264	30	5	24	58	17	11

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Aldrete, M., S.F.*	.267	139	389	44	104	128	15	0	3	50	6	5
Alicea, L., St.L.#	.212	93	297	20	63	84	10	4	1	24	1	1
Alomar, R., S.D.#	.266	143	545	84	145	208	24	6	9	41	24	6
Anderson, D., L.A.	.249	116	285	31	71	91	10	2	2	20	4	2
Ashby, A., Hou.#	.238	73	227	19	54	85	10	0	7	33	0	0
Backman, W., N.Y.#	.303	99	294	44	89	101	12	0	0	17	9	5
Bass, K., Hou.#	.255	157	541	57	138	211	27	2	14	72	31	6
Bell, B., Cin-Hou.	.241	95	323	27	78	111	10	1	7	40	1	1
Belliard, R., Pit.	.213	122	286	28	61	69	0	4	0	11	7	1
Benedict, B., Atl.	.242	90	236	11	57	64	7	0	0	19	0	2
Berryhill, D., Chi.#	.259	95	309	19	80	122	19	1	7	38	1	0
Blocker, T., Atl.*	.212	66	198	13	42	56	4	2	2	10	1	1
Bonilla, B., Pit.#	.274	159	584	87	160	278	32	7	24	100	3	5
Bradley, P., Phi.	.264	154	569	77	150	223	30	5	11	56	11	9
Bream, S., Pit.*	.264	148	462	50	122	189	37	0	10	65	9	9
Brenly, B., S.F.	.189	73	206	13	39	61	7	0	5	22	1	2
Brooks, H., Mon.	.279	151	588	61	164	263	35	2	20	90	7	3
Brown, C., S.D.	.235	80	247	14	58	70	6	0	2	19	0	0
Brunansky, T., St.L.	.245	143	523	69	128	224	22	4	22	79	16	6
Carter, G., N.Y.	.242	130	455	39	110	163	16	2	11	46	0	2
Clark, W., S.F.*	.282	162	575	102	162	292	31	6	29	109	9	1
Coleman, V., St.L.#	.260	153	616	77	160	209	20	10	3	38	81	27
Coles, D., Pit.	.232	68	211	20	49	79	13	1	5	36	1	1
Collins, D., Cin.#	.236	99	174	12	41	51	6	2	0	14	7	2
Concepcion, D., Cin.	.198	84	197	11	39	48	9	0	0	8	3	2
Davis, E., Cin.	.273	135	472	81	129	231	18	3	26	93	35	3
Davis, G., Hou.	.271	152	561	78	152	268	26	0	30	99	4	3
Davis, J., Chi.-Atl.	.230	90	257	21	59	89	9	0	7	36	0	3
Davis, M., L.A.*	.196	108	281	29	55	76	11	2	2	17	7	3
Dempsey, R., L.A.	.251	77	167	25	42	76	13	0	7	30	1	0
Dernier, B., Phi.	.289	68	166	19	48	56	3	1	1	10	13	6
Diaz, B., Cin.	.219	92	315	26	69	108	9	0	10	35	0	2
Doran, B., Hou.#	.248	132	480	66	119	160	18	1	7	53	17	4
Dunston, S., Chi.	.249	155	575	69	143	205	23	6	9	56	30	9
Dykstra, L., N.Y.*	.270	126	429	57	116	165	19	3	8	33	30	8
Elster, K., N.Y.	.214	149	406	41	87	127	11	1	9	37	2	0
Esasky, N., Cin.	.243	122	391	40	95	161	17	2	15	62	7	2
Fitzgerald, M., Mon.	.271	63	155	17	42	65	6	1	5	23	2	2
Flannery, T., S.D.*	.265	79	170	16	45	58	5	4	0	19	3	2
Foley, T., Mon.*	.265	127	377	33	100	142	21	3	5	43	2	7
Gant, R., Atl.	.259	146	563	85	146	247	28	8	19	60	19	10
Griffey, K., Atl.-Cin.*	.255	94	243	26	62	80	6	0	4	23	1	3
Griffin, A., L.A.#	.199	95	316	39	63	80	8	3	1	27	7	5
Guerrero, P., L.A.-St.L.	.286	103	364	40	104	152	14	2	10	65	4	1
Hall, A., Atl.	.247	85	231	27	57	69	7	1	1	15	15	10
Hamilton, J., L.A.	.236	111	309	34	73	109	14	2	6	33	0	2
Hatcher, B., Hou.	.268	145	530	79	142	196	25	4	7	52	32	13
Hatcher, M., L.A.	.293	88	191	22	56	67	8	0	1	25	0	0
Hayes, V., Phi.*	.272	104	367	43	100	150	28	2	6	45	20	9
Hernandez, K., N.Y.*	.276	95	348	43	96	145	16	0	11	55	2	1
Horner, B., St.L.	.257	60	206	15	53	73	9	1	3	33	0	0
Hudler, R., Mon.	.273	77	216	38	59	89	14	2	4	14	29	7
Jackson, D., Chi.	.266	100	188	29	50	85	11	3	6	20	4	1

PLAYER, TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS
James, C., Phi.	.242	150	566	57	137	220	24	1	19	66	7	4
James, D., Atl.*	.256	132	386	46	99	135	17	5	3	30	9	9
Jeltz, S., Phi.#	.187	148	379	39	71	90	11	4	0	27	3	0
Johnson, H., N.Y.#	.230	148	495	85	114	209	21	1	24	68	23	7
Jones, T., Cin.-Mon.	.295	90	224	29	66	83	6	1	3	24	18	6
Jordan, R., Phi.	.308	69	273	41	84	134	15	1	11	43	1	1
Kruk, J., S.D.*	.241	120	378	54	91	137	17	1	9	44	5	3
LaValliere, M., Pit.*	.261	120	352	24	92	116	18	0	2	47	3	2
Leonard, J., S.F.	.256	44	160	12	41	57	8	1	2	20	7	5
Lind, J., Pit.	.262	154	611	82	160	198	24	4	2	49	15	4
Magadan, D., N.Y.*	.277	112	314	39	87	105	15	0	1	35	0	1
Maldonado, C., S.F.	.255	142	499	53	127	188	23	1	12	68	6	5
Marshall, M., L.A.	.277	144	542	63	150	241	27	2	20	82	4	1
Martinez, C., S.D.	.236	121	365	48	86	152	12	0	18	65	1	1
Martinez, D., Chi.-Mon.*	.255	138	447	51	114	157	13	6	6	46	23	9
Melvin, B., S.F.	.234	92	273	23	64	103	13	1	8	27	0	2
Mitchell, K., S.F.	.251	148	505	60	127	223	25	7	19	80	5	5
Moreland, K., S.D.	.256	143	511	40	131	169	23	0	5	64	2	3
Murphy, D., Atl.	.226	156	592	77	134	249	35	4	24	77	3	5
Nixon, O., Mon.#	.244	90	271	47	66	78	8	2	0	15	46	13
Oberkiell, K., Atl.-Pit.*	.271	140	476	49	129	168	22	4	3	42	4	5
Oesler, R., Cin.#	.280	54	150	20	42	49	7	0	0	10	0	2
O'Neill, P., Cin.*	.252	145	485	58	122	201	25	3	16	73	8	6
Oquendo, J., St.L.#	.277	148	451	36	125	158	10	1	7	46	4	6
Pagnozzi, T., St.L.	.282	81	195	17	55	64	9	0	0	15	0	0
Parrish, L., Phi.	.215	123	424	44	91	157	17	2	15	60	0	0
Pena, T., St.L.	.263	149	505	55	133	188	23	1	10	51	6	2
Pendleton, T., St.L.#	.253	110	391	44	99	141	20	2	6	53	3	3
Puhl, T., Hou.*	.303	113	234	42	71	91	7	2	3	19	22	4
Raines, T., Mon.#	.270	109	429	66	116	185	19	7	12	48	33	7
Ramirez, R., Hou.	.276	155	566	51	156	214	30	5	6	59	3	2
Ready, R., S.D.	.266	114	331	43	88	129	16	2	7	39	6	2
Reed, J., Mon.-Cin.*	.226	92	265	20	60	76	9	2	1	16	1	0
Reynolds, C., Hou.*	.255	78	161	20	41	51	7	0	1	14	3	0
Reynolds, R., Pit.#	.248	130	323	35	80	116	14	2	6	51	15	2
Riles, E., S.F.*	.294	79	187	26	55	75	7	2	3	28	1	2
Rivera, L., Mon.	.224	123	371	35	83	118	17	3	4	30	3	4
Sabo, C., Cin.	.271	137	538	74	146	223	40	2	11	44	46	14
Samuel, J., Phi.	.243	157	629	68	153	239	32	9	12	67	33	10
Sandberg, R., Chi.	.264	155	618	77	163	259	23	8	19	69	25	10
Santiago, B., S.D.	.248	139	492	49	122	178	22	2	10	46	15	7
Santovenia, N., Mon.	.236	92	309	26	73	121	20	2	8	41	2	3
Sax, S., L.A.	.277	160	632	70	175	217	19	4	5	57	42	12
Schmidt, M., Phi.	.249	108	390	52	97	158	21	2	12	62	3	0
Scioscia, M., L.A.*	.257	130	408	29	105	132	18	0	3	35	0	3
Shelby, J., L.A.#	.263	140	494	65	130	195	23	6	10	64	16	5
Smith, O., St.L.#	.270	153	575	80	155	193	27	1	3	51	57	9
Speier, C., S.F.*	.216	82	171	26	37	57	9	1	3	18	3	3
Strawberry, D., N.Y.*	.269	153	543	101	146	296	27	3	39	101	29	14
Stubbs, F., L.A.*	.223	115	242	30	54	91	13	0	8	34	11	3
Templeton, G., S.D.#	.249	110	362	35	90	128	15	7	3	36	8	2
Teufel, T., N.Y.	.234	90	273	35	64	96	20	0	4	31	0	1
Thomas, A., Atl.	.252	153	606	54	153	218	22	2	13	68	7	3
Thompson, M., Phi.*	.288	122	378	53	109	135	16	2	2	33	17	9
Thompson, R., S.F.	.264	138	477	66	126	183	24	6	7	48	14	5
Thon, D., S.D.	.264	95	258	36	68	87	12	2	1	18	19	4
Treadway, J., Cin.*	.252	103	301	30	76	109	19	4	2	23	2	0
Trevino, A., Hou.	.249	78	193	19	48	71	17	0	2	13	5	2
Trillo, M., Chi.	.250	76	164	15	41	49	5	0	1	14	2	0
Uribe, J., S.F.#	.252	141	493	47	124	157	10	7	3	35	14	10
Virgil, O., Atl.	.256	107	320	23	82	119	10	0	9	31	2	0
Wallach, T., Mon.	.257	159	592	52	152	230	32	5	12	69	2	6
Walling, D., Hou.-St.L.*	.239	84	234	22	56	76	13	2	1	21	2	0
Webster, M., Mon.-Chi.#	.260	151	523	69	136	186	16	8	6	39	22	14
Williams, M., S.F.	.205	52	156	17	32	64	6	1	8	19	0	1
Wilson, M., N.Y.#	.296	112	378	61	112	163	17	5	8	41	15	4
Winningham, H., Mon.-Cin.	.232	100	203	16	47	58	3	4	0	21	12	8
Woodson, T., L.A.	.249	65	173	15	43	58	4	1	3	15	1	2
Wynne, M., S.D.*	.264	128	333	37	88	142	13	4	11	42	3	4
Young, G., Hou.#	.257	149	576	79	148	187	21	9	0	37	65	27

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PLAYER TEAM	SLG	OBP	G	AB	SH	SF	HP	BB	IB	SO	GDP
Canseco, J., Oak	.569	.391	158	610	1	6	10	78	10	128	15
McGriff, F., Tor.	.552	.376	154	536	0	4	4	79	3	149	15
Gaetti, G., Minn.	.551	.353	133	468	1	6	5	36	5	85	10
Puckett, K., Minn.	.545	.375	158	657	0	9	2	23	4	83	17
Greenwell, M., Bos.*	.531	.416	158	590	0	7	9	87	18	38	11
Winfield, D., N.Y.	.530	.398	149	559	0	1	2	69	10	88	19
Henderson, D., Oak	.525	.363	146	507	5	7	4	47	1	92	14
Hrbek, K., Minn.*	.520	.387	143	510	2	7	0	67	7	54	9
Tartabull, D., K.C.	.515	.369	146	507	0	6	4	76	4	119	10
Brett, G., K.C.*	.509	.389	157	589	0	7	3	82	15	51	15
Boggs, W., Bos.*	.490	.476	155	584	0	7	3	126	18	34	23
Evans, D., Bos.	.487	.375	149	559	2	7	1	76	3	99	16
Snyder, C., Clev.	.483	.326	142	511	0	4	1	42	7	101	12
Burks, E., Bos.	.481	.367	144	540	4	6	3	62	1	89	8
Carter, J., Clev.	.478	.314	157	621	1	6	7	35	6	82	6

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Allanson, A., Cle.	.323	.305	133	434	8	4	3	25	2	63	6
Anderson, B., Bos.-Bal.#	.286	.272	94	325	11	1	4	23	0	75	3
Armas, T., Cal.	.443	.311	120	368	1	2	0	22	0	87	13
Baines, H., Chi.*	.411	.347	158	599	0	7	1	67	14	109	21
Balboni, S., K.C.-Sea	.448	.277	118	413	0	2	1	24	2	87	8
Barfield, J., Tor.	.425	.302	137	468	4	6	1	41	6	108	10
Barrett, M., Bos.	.337	.330	150	612	20	8	7	40	1	35	16
Baylor, D., Oak	.326	.332	92	264	0	3	12	34	2	44	7
Bell, G., Tor.	.446	.304	156	614	0	8	1	34	5	66	21
Benzinger, T., Bos.#	.425	.293	120	405	6	2	1	22	4	80	8
Bergman, D., Det.*	.394	.372	116	289	2	4	0	38	2	34	7
Boone, B., Cal.	.386	.352	122	352	9	0	2	29	2	26	9
Boston, D., Chi.*	.434	.271	105	281	2	1	0	21	5	44	5
Bradley, S., Sea*	.349	.295	103	335	3	2	2	17	1	16	11
Braggs, G., Mil.	.423	.307	72	272	1	2	5	14	0	60	6
Brantley, M., Sea	.399	.296	149	577	5	4	2	26	0	64	12
Brock, G., Mil.	.310	.329	115	364	3	4	3	63	16	48	11
Brookens, T., Det.	.351	.313	136	441	6	4	3	44	2	74	9
Buckner, B., Cal.-K.C.*	.330	.287	108	285	4	5	0	17	5	19	8
Buechele, S., Tex.	.404	.342	155	503	6	0	5	65	6	79	8
Bush, R., Min.*	.434	.365	136	394	0	5	9	58	14	49	8
Cerone, R., Bos.	.360	.326	84	264	1	1	3	20	0	32	6
Clark, J., N.Y.	.433	.381	150	496	0	5	2	113	6	141	14
Cotto, H., Sea	.373	.302	133	386	4	3	2	23	0	53	8
Davis, A., Sea*	.462	.412	140	478	0	5	4	95	13	53	14
Davis, C., Cal.#	.432	.326	158	600	1	10	0	56	14	118	13
Deer, R., Mil.	.441	.328	135	492	0	5	7	51	4	153	4
Downing, B., Cal.	.442	.362	133	484	5	6	14	81	5	63	12
Espy, C., Tex.#	.349	.288	123	347	5	3	1	20	1	83	2
Evans, D., Det.*	.380	.337	144	437	0	0	1	84	4	89	14
Fernandez, T., Tor.#	.386	.335	154	648	3	4	4	45	3	65	9
Fletcher, S., Tex.	.328	.364	140	515	15	5	12	62	1	34	13
Franco, J., Cle.	.409	.361	152	613	1	4	2	56	4	72	17
Gagne, G., Min.	.397	.288	149	461	11	1	7	27	2	110	13
Gallagher, D., Chi.	.406	.354	101	347	6	2	0	29	3	40	8
Gallego, M., Oak	.260	.298	129	277	8	0	1	34	0	53	6
Gantner, J., Mil.	.336	.322	155	539	18	2	3	34	1	50	9
Gedman, R., Bos.*	.368	.279	95	299	9	3	3	18	2	49	6
Gladden, D., Min.	.403	.325	141	576	2	5	4	46	4	74	9
Gruber, K., Tor.	.438	.328	158	569	5	4	7	38	1	92	20
Guillen, O., Chi.	.314	.294	156	566	10	3	2	25	3	40	14
Hall, M., Cle.*	.392	.312	150	515	2	8	0	28	12	50	8
Hassey, R., Oak	.368	.323	107	323	3	5	4	30	1	42	9
Henderson, R., N.Y.	.399	.394	140	554	2	6	3	82	1	54	6
Herr, T., Min.#	.326	.349	86	304	1	0	0	40	1	47	9
Howell, J., Cal.*	.422	.323	154	500	4	2	6	46	8	130	8
Hubbard, G., Oak	.340	.334	105	294	10	2	3	33	0	50	9
Incaviglia, P., Tex.	.467	.321	116	418	0	3	7	39	3	153	6
Jackson, B., K.C.	.472	.287	124	439	1	2	1	25	6	146	6
Jacoby, B., Cle.	.335	.300	152	552	0	5	1	48	2	101	12
Javier, S., Oak.#	.320	.313	125	397	6	3	2	32	1	63	13
Joyner, W., Cal.*	.419	.356	158	597	0	6	5	55	14	51	16
Kennedy, T., Bal.*	.298	.269	85	265	2	2	1	15	0	53	13

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Knight, R., Det.	.301	.271	105	299	2	3	3	20	0	30	12
Lansford, C., Oak	.360	.327	150	556	5	4	7	35	4	35	17
Larkin, G., Min#	.382	.368	149	505	1	5	15	68	8	55	12
Laudner, T., Min.	.408	.316	117	375	3	3	1	36	0	89	14
Lee, M., Tor.#	.365	.333	116	381	4	4	0	26	1	64	13
Lemon, C., Det.	.436	.346	144	512	1	3	7	59	6	65	18
Leonard, J., Mil.	.350	.270	94	374	1	4	3	16	1	68	10
Liriano, N., Tor.#	.333	.297	99	276	5	1	2	11	0	40	4
Lombardozi, S., Min.	.307	.295	103	287	6	5	2	35	2	48	2
Lynn, F., Bal.-Det.*	.478	.302	114	391	1	6	1	33	1	82	9
Lyons, S., Chi.*	.373	.313	146	472	15	6	1	32	1	59	6
Manrique, F., Chi.	.342	.283	140	345	16	2	3	21	1	54	7
Mattingly, D., N.Y.*	.462	.353	144	599	0	8	3	41	14	29	13
McDowell, O., Tex.*	.355	.311	120	437	2	5	2	41	2	89	3
McGwire, M., Oak	.478	.352	155	550	1	4	4	76	4	117	15
Meyer, J., Mil.	.419	.313	103	327	0	1	1	23	2	88	9
Molitor, P., Mil.	.452	.384	154	609	5	3	2	71	8	54	10
Moseby, L., Tor.*	.369	.343	128	472	1	3	6	70	6	93	8
Mulliniks, R., Tor.*	.475	.395	119	337	2	4	0	56	3	57	10
Murray, E., Bal.#	.474	.361	161	603	0	3	0	75	8	78	20
Nokes, M., Det.*	.424	.313	122	382	6	2	1	34	3	58	11
O'Brien, P., Tex.*	.408	.352	156	547	1	8	0	72	9	73	12
Orsulak, J., Bal.*	.422	.331	125	379	8	3	3	23	2	30	7
Pagliarulo, M., N.Y.*	.367	.276	125	444	1	6	2	37	9	104	5
Parker, D., Oak*	.406	.314	101	377	0	2	0	32	2	70	3
Parrish, L., Tex.-Bos.	.360	.270	120	406	0	4	3	28	2	111	8
Pasqua, D., Chi.*	.417	.307	129	422	2	2	3	46	5	100	10
Petrilli, G., Tex.*	.393	.356	129	351	1	5	2	41	5	52	12
Pettis, G., Det.#	.277	.285	129	458	6	0	1	47	0	85	3
Phelps, K., Sea-N.Y.*	.549	.402	117	297	0	3	1	70	5	61	6
Polonia, L., Oak*	.378	.338	84	288	2	2	0	21	0	40	3
Presley, J., Sea	.355	.280	150	544	3	5	4	36	1	114	14
Quinones, R., Sea	.393	.284	140	499	2	3	3	23	1	71	12
Randolph, W., N.Y.	.300	.322	110	404	8	5	2	55	2	39	10
Ray, J., Cal.#	.429	.345	153	602	9	8	4	36	2	38	10
Reed, J., Bos.	.376	.380	109	338	11	2	4	45	1	21	5
Reynolds, H., Sea.#	.383	.340	158	598	10	2	2	51	1	51	9
Rice, J., Bos.	.406	.330	135	485	0	6	3	48	2	89	18
Ripken, B., Bal.	.258	.260	150	512	6	3	5	33	0	63	14
Ripken, C., Cal.	.431	.372	161	575	0	10	2	102	7	69	10
Salazar, L., Det.	.385	.305	130	452	10	3	3	21	2	70	13
Santana, R., N.Y.	.294	.289	148	480	5	2	1	33	0	61	17
Schofield, D., Cal.	.317	.303	155	527	11	2	9	40	0	57	5
Schu, R., Bal.	.363	.316	89	270	0	0	3	21	0	49	7
Seitzer, K., K.C.	.406	.388	149	559	3	3	6	72	4	64	15
Sheets, L., Bal.*	.343	.302	136	452	0	4	6	42	4	72	11
Sheridan, P., Det.*	.403	.339	127	347	7	2	2	44	4	64	6
Sierra, R., Tex.#	.424	.301	156	615	0	8	1	44	10	91	15
Slaughter, D., N.Y.	.450	.334	97	322	5	4	3	24	3	54	10
Steinbach, T., Oak	.402	.334	104	351	3	5	6	33	2	47	13
Stillwell, K., K.C.#	.399	.322	128	459	6	3	3	47	0	76	7
Surhoff, B., Mil.*	.318	.292	139	493	11	3	3	31	9	49	12
Sveum, D., Mil.#	.347	.274	129	467	3	3	1	21	0	122	6
Tabler, P., Cle.-K.C.	.358	.349	130	444	0	5	3	46	1	68	9
Tettleton, M., Bal.#	.424	.330	86	283	1	2	2	28	2	70	9
Traber, J., Bal.*	.324	.261	103	352	1	3	1	19	3	42	8
Trammell, A., Det.	.464	.373	128	466	0	7	4	46	8	46	14
Upshaw, W., Cle.*	.369	.330	149	493	3	4	2	62	4	66	10
Valle, D., Sea	.400	.295	93	290	3	2	9	18	0	38	13
Walker, G., Chi.*	.374	.304	99	377	1	2	3	29	3	77	7

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PLAYER, TEAM	SLG	OBP	G	AB	SH	SF	HP	BB	IB	SO	GDP
Strawberry, D., N.Y.*	.545	.366	153	543	0	9	3	85	21	127	6
Galarra, A., Mon.	.540	.352	157	609	0	3	10	39	9	153	12
Clark, W., S.F.*	.508	.386	162	575	0	10	4	100	27	129	9
Van Slyke, A., Pit.*	.506	.345	154	587	1	13	1	57	2	126	8
Dawson, A., Chi.	.504	.344	157	591	1	7	4	37	12	73	13
McReynolds, K., N.Y.	.496	.336	147	552	1	5	4	38	3	56	6
Bonds, B., Pit.*	.491	.368	144	538	0	2	2	72	14	82	3
Davis, E., Cin.	.489	.363	135	472	0	3	3	65	10	124	11
Gibson, K., L.A.*	.483	.377	150	542	3	7	7	73	14	120	8
Davis, G., Hou.	.478	.341	152	561	0	9	11	53	20	77	11
Bonilla, B., Pit.*	.476	.366	159	584	0	8	4	85	19	82	4
Daniels, K., Cin.*	.463	.397	140	495	0	4	3	87	10	94	11
Brooks, H., Mon.	.447	.318	151	588	0	4	1	35	3	108	21
Mitchell, K., S.F.	.442	.319	148	505	1	7	5	48	7	85	9
Gant, R., Atl.	.439	.317	146	563	2	4	3	46	4	118	7

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Aldrete, M., S.F.*	.329	.357	139	389	1	3	0	56	13	65	10
Alicea, L., S.L.#	.283	.276	93	297	4	2	2	25	4	32	12
Alomar, R., S.D.#	.382	.328	143	545	16	0	3	47	5	83	15
Anderson, D., L.A.	.319	.325	116	285	5	2	1	32	4	45	9
Ashby, A., Hou.#	.374	.319	73	227	1	4	0	29	3	36	5
Backman, W., N.Y.#	.344	.388	99	294	9	2	1	41	1	49	6
Bass, K., Hou.#	.390	.314	157	541	3	3	6	42	10	65	16
Bell, B., Cin.-Hou.	.344	.295	95	323	0	3	0	26	2	32	10
Belliard, R., Pit.	.241	.288	122	286	5	0	4	26	3	47	10
Benedict, B., Atl.	.271	.296	90	236	5	2	0	19	1	26	2
Berryhill, D., Chi.#	.395	.295	95	309	3	3	0	17	5	56	11
Blocker, T., Atl.*	.283	.250	66	198	2	0	0	10	3	20	6
Bradley, P., Phi.	.392	.341	154	569	3	6	16	54	0	106	11
Bream, S., Pit.	.409	.328	148	462	4	8	1	47	6	64	11
Brenly, B., S.F.	.296	.265	73	206	2	2	2	20	3	40	3
Brown, C., S.D.	.283	.295	80	247	3	2	3	19	3	49	9
Brunansky, T., S.L.	.428	.345	143	523	1	6	4	79	6	82	17
Butler, B., S.F.*	.398	.393	157	568	8	2	4	97	4	64	2
Carler, G., N.Y.	.358	.301	130	455	1	6	7	34	1	52	8
Coleman, V., St. L.#	.339	.313	153	616	8	5	1	49	4	111	4
Coles, D., Pit.	.374	.299	68	211	0	7	3	20	1	41	3
Collins, D., Cin.#	.293	.286	99	174	0	2	2	11	0	27	0
Concepcion, D., Cin.	.244	.265	84	197	1	0	0	18	5	23	4
Davis, J., Chi.-Atl.	.346	.307	90	257	2	3	1	29	3	52	7
Davis, M., L.A.*	.270	.260	108	281	2	2	0	25	0	59	6
Dempsey, R., L.A.	.455	.338	77	167	0	6	0	25	0	44	4
Dernier, B., Phi.	.337	.330	68	166	3	0	1	9	0	19	2
Diaz, B., Cin.	.343	.236	92	315	1	3	1	7	4	41	16
Doran, B., Hou.#	.333	.338	132	480	4	2	1	65	3	60	7
Dunston, S., Chi.	.357	.271	155	575	4	2	2	16	8	108	6
Dykstra, L., N.Y.*	.385	.321	126	429	2	2	3	30	2	43	3
Elster, K., N.Y.	.313	.282	149	406	6	0	3	35	12	47	5
Esasky, N., Cin.	.412	.327	122	391	0	7	4	48	4	104	6
Fitzgerald, M., Mon.	.419	.347	63	155	4	2	0	19	0	22	4
Flannery, T., S.D.*	.341	.365	79	170	5	2	4	24	1	32	5
Foley, T., Mon.*	.377	.319	127	377	0	3	1	30	10	49	11
Grace, M., Chi.*	.403	.371	134	486	0	4	0	60	5	43	12
Griffey, K., Atl.-Cin.*	.329	.307	94	243	0	2	0	19	3	31	5
Griffin, A., L.A.#	.253	.259	95	316	11	1	2	24	7	30	3
Guerrero, P., L.A.-St.L.	.418	.367	103	364	0	7	5	46	9	59	5
Gwynn, T., S.D.*	.415	.373	133	521	4	2	0	51	13	40	11
Hall, A., Atl.#	.299	.314	85	231	2	1	2	21	1	35	4
Hamilton, J., L.A.	.353	.268	111	309	2	2	4	10	1	51	8
Hatcher, B., Hou.	.370	.321	145	530	8	8	8	37	4	56	6
Hatcher, M., L.A.	.351	.322	88	191	0	2	2	7	3	7	7
Hayes, V., Phi.*	.409	.355	104	367	1	5	1	49	5	59	3
Hernandez, K., N.Y.*	.417	.333	95	348	0	4	1	31	3	57	11
Horne, B., St.L.	.354	.348	60	206	0	8	1	32	6	23	9
Hudler, R., Mon.	.412	.303	77	216	1	2	0	10	6	34	2
Jacksen, D., Chi.	.452	.287	100	188	2	1	1	5	1	28	3
James, C., Phi.	.389	.283	150	566	0	5	3	31	2	73	15
James, D., Atl.*	.350	.353	132	386	2	2	1	58	5	59	12
Jeltz, S., Phi#	.237	.295	148	379	10	2	0	59	8	58	11

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Johnson, H., N.Y.#	.422	.343	148	495	2	8	3	86	25	104	6
Jones, T., Cin.-Mon.	.371	.358	90	224	3	0	2	20	3	18	5
Jordan, R., Phi.	.491	.324	69	273	0	1	0	7	2	39	5
Kruk, J., S.D.*	.362	.369	120	378	3	5	0	80	12	68	7
Larkin, B., Cin.	.429	.347	151	588	10	5	8	41	3	24	7
LaValiere, M., Pit.*	.330	.353	120	352	1	4	2	50	10	34	8
Law, V., Chi.	.412	.358	151	556	4	3	3	55	4	79	15
Leonard, J., S.F.	.356	.292	44	160	0	2	0	9	1	24	5
Lind, J., Pit.	.324	.308	154	611	12	3	0	42	0	75	11
Magadan, D., N.Y.*	.334	.393	112	314	1	3	2	60	4	39	9
Maldonado, C., S.F.	.377	.311	142	499	3	6	7	37	1	89	13
Marshall, M., L.A.	.445	.314	144	542	0	4	7	24	7	93	17
Martinez, C., S.D.	.416	.301	121	365	3	2	0	35	3	57	10
Martinez, D., Chi.-Mon.*	.351	.313	138	447	2	5	2	38	8	94	3
McGee, W., St.L.#	.372	.329	137	562	2	3	1	32	5	84	10
Melvin, B., S.F.	.377	.268	92	273	1	1	0	13	0	46	5
Moreland, K., S.D.	.331	.305	143	511	2	9	0	40	6	51	17
Murphy, D., Atl.	.421	.313	156	592	0	3	2	74	16	125	24
Nixon, O., Mon.#	.288	.312	90	271	4	2	0	28	0	42	0
Oberklei, K., Atl.-Pit.*	.353	.321	140	476	6	8	2	37	7	34	8
Oester, R., Cin.#	.327	.319	54	150	3	1	0	9	3	24	2
O'Neill, P., Cin.*	.414	.306	145	485	3	5	2	38	5	65	7
Oquendo, J., St.L.#	.350	.350	148	451	12	3	0	52	7	40	8
Pagnozzi, T., St.L.	.328	.319	81	195	2	1	0	11	1	32	5
Palmeiro, R., Chi.	.436	.349	152	580	2	6	3	38	6	34	11
Parrish, L., Phil.	.370	.293	123	424	0	5	2	47	7	93	11
Pena, T., St.L.	.372	.308	149	505	3	4	1	33	11	60	12
Pendleton, T., St.L.#	.361	.293	110	391	4	3	2	21	4	51	9
Perry, G., Atl.*	.400	.338	141	547	1	10	1	36	9	49	18
Puhl, T., Hou.*	.389	.395	113	234	1	1	1	35	3	30	0
Raines, T., Mon.#	.431	.350	109	429	0	4	2	53	14	44	8
Ramirez, R., Hou.	.378	.298	155	566	4	6	3	18	6	61	16
Ready, R., S.D.	.390	.346	114	331	4	3	3	39	1	38	3
Reed, J., Mon.-Cin.*	.287	.299	92	265	1	1	0	28	1	41	5
Reynolds, C., Hou.*	.317	.290	78	161	1	0	0	8	2	23	1
Reynolds, R., Pit.#	.359	.288	130	323	0	4	0	20	3	62	5
Riles, E., S.F.*	.401	.323	79	187	0	4	0	10	2	33	5
Rivera, L., Mon.	.318	.271	123	371	3	3	1	24	4	69	9
Sabo, C., Cin.	.414	.314	137	538	5	4	6	29	1	52	12
Samuel, J., Phi.	.380	.298	157	629	0	5	12	39	6	151	8
Sandberg, R., Chi.	.419	.322	155	618	1	5	1	54	3	91	14
Santiago, B., S.D.	.362	.282	139	492	5	5	1	24	2	82	18
Santovenia, N., Mon.	.392	.294	92	309	4	4	3	24	3	77	4
Sax, S., L.A.	.343	.325	160	632	7	2	1	45	6	51	11
Schmidt, M., Phi.	.405	.337	108	390	0	6	6	49	10	42	11
Scioscia, M., L.A.*	.324	.318	130	408	3	0	0	38	12	31	14
Shelby, J., L.A.#	.395	.320	140	494	1	6	0	44	5	128	13
Smith, O., St.L.#	.336	.350	153	575	12	7	1	74	2	43	7
Speier, C., S.F.	.333	.311	82	171	5	1	1	23	2	39	7
Stubbs, F., L.A.*	.376	.288	115	242	2	5	1	23	3	61	4
Templeton, G., S.D.#	.354	.286	110	362	7	3	0	20	10	50	6
Teufel, T., N.Y.	.352	.306	90	273	2	4	1	29	1	41	6
Thomas, A., Atl.	.360	.268	153	606	0	6	1	14	6	95	17
Thompson, M., Phi.*	.357	.354	122	378	2	3	1	39	6	59	8
Thompson, R., S.F.	.384	.323	138	477	14	5	4	40	0	111	7
Thon, D., S.D.	.337	.347	95	258	2	2	1	33	0	49	4
Treadway, J., Cin.*	.362	.315	103	301	4	6	3	27	7	30	4
Trevino, A., Hou.	.368	.341	78	193	3	0	3	24	4	29	8
Trillo, M., Chi.	.299	.283	76	164	4	1	0	8	0	32	2
Uribe, J., S.F.#	.318	.301	141	493	4	2	0	36	10	69	3
Virgil, O., Atl.	.372	.313	107	320	2	1	5	22	1	54	10
Wallach, T., Mon.	.389	.302	159	592	0	7	3	38	7	88	19
Walling, D., Hou.-St.L.*	.325	.291	84	234	1	0	0	17	3	25	3
Webster, M., Mon.-Chi.#	.356	.337	151	523	5	4	8	55	2	87	5
Williams, M., S.F.	.410	.251	52	156	3	1	2	8	0	41	7
Wilson, M., N.Y.#	.431	.345	112	378	1	2	2	27	1	63	12
Winningham, H., Mon.-Cin.*	.286	.288	100	203	3	2	0	17	2	45	2
Woodson, T., L.A.	.335	.279	65	173	0	2	1	7	1	32	4
Wynne, M., S.D.*	.426	.325	128	333	3	2	0	31	2	62	3
Young, G., Hou.#	.325	.334	149	576	5	5	3	66	1	66	10

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Anderson, A., Min.*	16	9	2.45	30	30	3	0	202.1	199	70	14	37	83
Higuera, T., Mil.*	16	9	2.45	31	31	8	0	227.1	168	66	15	59	192
Viola, F., Min.*	24	7	2.64	35	35	7	0	255.1	236	80	20	54	193
Gubicza, M., K.C.	20	8	2.70	35	35	8	0	269.2	237	94	11	83	183
Clemens, R., Bos.	18	12	2.93	35	35	14	0	264.0	217	93	17	62	291
Robinson, J., Det.	13	6	2.98	24	23	6	0	172.0	121	61	19	72	114
Stieb, D., Tor.	16	8	3.04	32	31	8	0	207.1	157	76	15	79	147
Leibrandt, C., K.C.*	13	12	3.19	35	35	7	0	243.0	244	98	20	62	125
Swindell, G., Cle.*	18	14	3.20	33	33	12	0	242.0	234	97	18	45	180
Stewart, D., Oak.	21	12	3.23	37	37	14	0	275.2	240	111	14	110	192
Candiotti, T., Cle.	14	8	3.28	31	31	11	0	216.2	225	86	15	53	137
Hough, C., Tex.	15	16	3.32	34	34	10	0	252.0	202	111	20	126	174
Langston, M., Sea.*	15	11	3.34	35	35	9	0	261.1	222	108	32	110	235
Bosio, C., Mil.	7	15	3.36	38	22	9	6	182.0	190	80	13	38	84
Boddicker, M., Bal.-Bos.	13	15	3.39	36	35	5	0	236.0	234	102	17	77	156

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Aase, D., Bal.	0	0	4.05	35	0	0	0	46.2	40	22	4	37	28
Alexander, D., Det.	14	11	4.32	34	34	5	0	229.0	260	122	30	46	126
Allen, N., N.Y.	5	3	3.84	41	2	0	0	117.1	121	51	14	37	61
Atherton, K., Min.	7	5	3.41	49	0	0	3	74.0	65	29	10	22	43
August, D., Mil.	13	7	3.09	24	22	6	0	148.1	137	55	12	48	66
Bailes, S., Cle.*	9	14	4.90	37	21	5	0	145.0	149	89	22	46	53
Ballard, J., Bal.*	8	12	4.40	25	25	6	0	153.1	167	83	15	42	41
Bankhead, S., Sea.	7	9	3.07	21	21	2	0	135.0	115	53	8	38	102
Bannister, F., K.C.*	12	13	4.33	31	31	2	0	189.1	182	102	22	68	113
Bautista, J., Bal.	6	15	4.30	33	25	3	0	171.2	171	86	21	45	76
Berenguer, J., Min.	8	4	3.96	57	1	0	2	100.0	74	44	7	61	99
Birkbeck, M., Mil.	10	8	4.72	23	23	0	0	124.0	141	69	10	37	64
Bittiger, J., Chi.	2	4	4.23	25	7	0	0	61.2	59	31	11	29	33
Black, B., K.C.-Cle.*	4	4	5.00	33	7	0	1	81.0	82	47	8	34	63
Blayven, B., Min.	10	17	5.43	33	33	7	0	207.1	240	128	21	51	145
Boyd, O., Bos.	9	7	5.34	23	23	1	0	129.2	147	82	25	41	71
Buice, D., Cal.	2	4	5.88	32	0	0	3	41.1	45	29	5	19	38
Burns, T., Oak.	8	2	3.16	17	14	2	1	102.2	93	38	8	34	57
Cadaret, G., Oak.*	5	2	2.89	58	0	0	3	71.2	60	26	2	36	64
Campbell, M., Sea.	6	10	5.89	20	20	2	0	114.2	128	81	18	43	63
Candelaria, J., N.Y.*	13	7	3.38	25	24	6	1	157.0	150	69	18	23	121
Cerutti, J., Tor.*	6	7	3.13	46	12	0	1	123.2	120	56	12	42	65
Clancy, J., Tor.	11	13	4.49	36	31	4	1	196.1	207	106	26	47	118
Clark, T., Cal.	6	6	5.07	15	15	2	0	94.0	120	54	8	31	39
Cliburn, S., Cal.	4	2	4.07	40	1	0	0	84.0	83	45	11	32	42
Corbett, S., Cal.*	2	1	4.14	34	0	0	1	45.2	47	23	2	23	28
Crim, C., Mil.	7	6	2.91	70	0	0	9	105.0	95	38	11	28	58
Davis, John, Chi.	2	5	6.64	34	1	0	1	63.2	77	58	5	50	37
Davis, S., Oak.	16	7	3.70	33	33	1	0	201.2	211	86	16	91	127
Dotson, R., N.Y.	12	9	5.00	32	29	4	0	171.0	178	103	27	72	77
Eckersley, D., Oak.	4	2	2.35	60	0	0	45	72.2	52	20	5	11	70
Eichhorn, M., Tor.	0	3	4.19	37	0	0	1	66.2	79	32	3	27	28
Farr, S., K.C.	5	4	2.50	62	1	0	20	82.2	74	25	5	30	72
Farrell, J., Cle.	14	10	4.24	31	30	4	0	210.1	216	106	15	67	92
Filer, T., Mil.	5	8	4.43	19	16	2	0	101.2	108	54	8	33	39
Finley, C., Cal.	9	15	4.17	31	31	2	0	194.1	191	95	15	82	111
Flanagan, M., Tor.*	13	13	4.18	34	34	2	0	211.0	220	106	23	80	99
Fraser, W., Cal.	12	13	5.41	34	32	0	0	194.2	203	129	33	80	86
Gardner, W., Bos.	8	6	3.50	36	18	1	2	149.0	119	61	17	64	106
Gibson, P., Det.*	4	2	2.93	40	1	0	0	92.0	83	33	6	34	50
Gleaton, J., K.C.*	0	4	3.55	42	0	0	3	38.0	33	17	2	17	29
Gordon, D., Cle.	3	4	4.40	38	0	0	1	59.1	65	33	5	19	20
Guante, C., N.Y.-Tex.	5	6	2.82	63	0	0	12	79.2	67	26	11	26	65
Guetterman, L., N.Y.*	1	2	4.65	20	2	0	0	40.2	49	21	2	14	15
Guzman, J., Tex.	11	13	3.70	30	30	6	0	206.2	180	99	20	82	157
Harvey, B., Cal.	7	5	2.13	50	0	0	17	76.0	59	22	4	20	67
Havens, B., Cle.*	2	3	3.14	28	0	0	1	57.1	62	22	7	17	30
Heinkel, D., Det.	0	0	3.96	21	0	0	1	36.1	30	17	4	12	30
Henke, T., Tor.	4	4	2.91	52	0	0	25	68.0	60	23	6	24	66
Henneman, M., Det.	9	6	1.87	65	0	0	22	91.1	72	23	7	24	58
Hernandez, W., Det.*	6	5	3.06	63	0	0	10	67.2	50	24	8	31	59
Honeycutt, R., Oak.*	3	2	3.50	55	0	0	7	79.2	74	36	6	25	47
Horton, R., Chi.*	6	10	4.86	52	9	1	2	109.1	120	64	6	36	28

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Hudson, C., N.Y.	6	6	4.49	28	12	1	2	106.1	93	53	9	36	58
Hurst, B., Bos.*	18	6	3.66	33	32	7	0	216.2	222	98	21	65	166
Jackson, M., Sea.	6	5	2.63	62	0	0	4	99.1	74	37	10	43	76
John, T., N.Y.*	9	8	4.49	35	32	0	0	176.1	221	96	11	46	81
Jones, D., Cle.	3	4	2.27	51	0	0	37	83.1	69	26	1	16	72
Jones, O., Mil.	5	0	4.35	28	2	0	1	80.2	75	47	8	29	48
Key, J., Tor.*	12	5	3.29	21	21	2	0	131.1	127	55	13	30	65
Kilgus, P., Tex.*	12	15	4.16	32	32	5	0	203.1	190	105	18	71	88
King, E., Det.	4	1	3.41	23	5	0	3	68.2	60	28	5	34	45
Lamp, D., Bos.	7	6	3.48	46	0	0	0	82.2	92	39	3	19	49
LaPoint, D., Chi.*	10	11	3.40	25	25	1	0	161.1	151	69	10	47	79
Lea, C., Min.	7	7	4.85	24	23	0	0	130.0	156	79	19	50	72
Long, B., Chi.	8	11	4.03	47	18	3	2	174.0	187	89	21	43	77
McCaskill, K., Cal.	8	6	4.31	23	23	4	0	146.1	155	78	9	61	98
McDowell, J., Chi.	5	10	3.97	26	26	1	0	158.2	147	85	12	68	84
McMurtry, C., Tex.	3	3	2.25	32	0	0	3	60.0	37	16	5	24	35
Minton, G., Cal.	4	5	2.85	44	0	0	7	79.0	67	37	1	34	46
Mirabella, P., Mil.*	2	2	1.65	38	0	0	4	60.0	44	12	3	21	33
Mohoric, D., Tex.-N.Y.	4	8	4.22	56	0	0	6	74.2	83	42	7	29	44
Montgomery, J., K.C.	7	2	3.45	45	0	0	1	62.2	54	25	6	30	47
Moore, M., Sea.	9	15	3.78	37	32	9	1	228.2	196	104	24	63	182
Morgan, M., Bal.	1	6	5.43	22	10	2	1	71.1	70	45	6	23	29
Morris, J., Det.	15	13	3.94	34	34	10	0	235.0	225	115	20	83	168
Nelson, G., Oak.	9	6	3.06	54	1	0	3	111.2	93	42	9	38	67
Niedenfuhr, T., Bal.	3	4	3.51	52	0	0	18	59.0	59	23	8	19	40
Nieves, J., Mil.*	7	5	4.08	25	15	1	1	110.1	84	53	13	50	73
Peraza, O., Bal.	5	7	5.55	19	15	1	0	86.0	98	62	10	37	61
Perez, M., Chi.	12	10	3.79	32	32	3	0	197.0	186	105	26	72	138
Petry, D., Cal.	3	9	4.38	22	22	4	0	139.2	139	70	18	59	64
Plesac, D., Mil.*	1	2	2.41	50	0	0	30	52.1	46	14	2	12	52
Plunk, E., Oak.	7	2	3.00	49	0	0	5	78.0	62	27	6	39	79
Portugal, M., Min.	3	3	4.53	26	0	0	3	57.2	60	30	11	17	31
Power, T., K.C.-Det.	6	7	5.91	26	14	2	0	99.0	121	67	8	38	57
Reardon, J., Min.	2	4	2.47	63	0	0	42	73.0	68	21	6	15	56
Reed, J., Sea.	1	1	3.96	46	0	0	1	86.1	82	42	8	33	48
Reuss, J., Chi.*	13	9	3.44	32	29	2	0	183.0	183	79	15	43	73
Rhoden, R., N.Y.	12	12	4.29	30	30	5	0	197.0	206	107	20	56	94
Righetti, D., N.Y.*	5	4	3.52	60	0	0	25	87.0	86	35	5	37	70
Rosenberg, S., Chi.*	0	1	4.30	33	0	0	1	46.0	53	22	5	19	28
Russell, J., Tex.	10	9	3.82	34	24	5	0	188.2	183	86	15	66	88
Saberhagen, B., K.C.	14	16	3.80	35	35	9	0	260.2	271	122	18	59	171
Sanchez, I., K.C.*	3	2	4.54	19	1	0	1	35.2	36	20	0	18	14
Schmidt, D., Bal.	8	5	3.40	41	9	0	2	129.2	129	58	14	38	67
Schooler, M., Sea.	5	8	3.54	40	0	0	15	48.1	45	21	4	24	54
Sellers, J., Bos.	1	7	4.83	18	12	1	0	85.2	89	49	9	56	70
Shields, S., N.Y.	5	5	4.37	39	0	0	0	82.1	96	44	8	30	55
Sisk, D., Bal.	3	3	3.72	52	0	0	0	94.1	109	43	3	45	26
Smith, L., Bos.	4	5	2.80	64	0	0	29	83.2	72	34	7	37	96
Smithson, M., Bos.	9	6	5.97	31	18	1	0	126.2	149	87	25	37	73
Stanley, B., Bos.	6	4	3.19	57	0	0	5	101.2	90	41	6	29	57
Stoddard, T., N.Y.	2	2	6.38	28	0	0	3	55.0	62	41	5	27	33
Stottlemire, T., Tor.	4	8	5.69	28	16	0	0	98.0	109	70	15	46	67
Swift, B., Sea.	8	12	4.59	38	24	6	0	174.2	199	99	10	65	47
Tanana, F., Det.*	14	11	4.21	32	32	2	0	203.0	213	105	25	64	127
Terrell, W., Det.	7	16	3.97	29	29	11	0	206.1	199	101	20	78	84
Thigpen, B., Chi.	5	8	3.30	68	0	0	34	90.0	96	38	6	33	62
Thurmond, M., Bal.*	1	8	4.58	43	6	0	3	74.2	80	43	10	27	29
Tibbs, J., Bal.	4	15	5.39	30	24	1	0	158.2	184	103	18	63	82
Toliver, F., Min.	7	6	4.24	21	19	0	0	114.2	116	57	8	52	69
Vande Berg, E., Tex.*	2	2	4.14	26	0	0	2	37.0	44	19	2	11	18
Ward, D., Tor.	9	3	3.30	64	0	0	15	111.2	101	46	5	60	91
Wegman, B., Mil.	13	13	4.12	32	31	4	0	199.0	207	104	24	50	84
Welch, B., Oak.	17	9	3.64	36	36	4	0	244.2	237	107	22	81	158
Wells, D., Tor.*	3	5	4.62	41	0	0	4	64.1	65	36	12	31	56
Williams, M., Tex.*	2	7	4.63	67	0	0	18	68.0	48	38	4	47	61
Williamson, M., Bal.	5	8	4.90	37	0	2	2	117.2	125	70	14	40	69
Witt, B., Tex.	8	10	3.92	22	22	13	0	174.1	134	83	13	101	148
Witt, M., Cal.	13	16	4.15	34	34	12	0	249.2	263	130	14	87	133
Yett, R., Cle.	9	6	4.62	23	22	0	0	134.1	146	72	11	55	71
Young, C., Oak.*	11	8	4.14	26	26	1	0	156.1	162	77	23	50	69

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Magrane, J., St. L.*	5	9	2.18	24	24	4	0	165.1	133	57	6	51	100
Cone, D., N.Y.	20	3	2.22	35	28	8	0	231.1	178	67	10	80	213
Hershiser, O., L.A.	23	8	2.26	35	34	15	1	267.0	208	73	18	73	178
Tudor, J., St.L.-L.A.*	10	8	2.32	30	30	5	0	197.2	189	60	10	41	87
Rijo, J., Cin.	13	8	2.39	49	19	0	0	162.0	120	47	7	63	160
Perez, P., Mon.	12	8	2.44	27	27	4	0	188.0	133	59	15	44	131
Robinson, D., S.F.	10	5	2.45	51	19	3	6	176.2	152	63	11	49	122
Walk, B., Pit.	12	10	2.71	32	32	1	0	212.2	183	75	6	65	81
Martinez, D., Mon.	15	13	2.72	34	34	9	0	235.1	215	94	21	55	120
Jackson, D., Cin.*	23	8	2.73	35	35	15	0	260.2	206	86	13	71	161
Ojeda, B., N.Y.*	10	13	2.88	29	29	5	0	190.1	158	74	6	33	133
Belcher, T., L.A.	12	6	2.91	36	27	4	4	179.2	143	65	8	51	152
Leary, T., L.A.	17	11	2.91	35	34	9	0	228.2	201	87	13	56	180
Scott, M., Hou.	14	8	3.02	32	32	8	0	218.2	162	74	19	53	190
Deshaies, J., Hou.*	11	14	3.00	31	31	3	0	207.0	164	77	20	72	127
Smith, B., Mon.	12	10	3.00	32	32	1	0	198.0	179	79	15	32	122

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Acker, J., Atl.	0	4	4.71	21	1	0	0	42.0	45	26	6	14	25
Agosto, J., Hou.*	10	2	2.26	75	0	0	4	91.2	74	27	6	30	33
Alvarez, J., Atl.	5	6	2.99	60	0	0	3	102.1	88	34	7	53	81
Andersen, L., Hou.	2	4	2.94	53	0	0	5	82.2	82	29	3	20	66
Andujar, J., Hou.	2	5	4.00	23	10	0	0	78.2	94	43	9	21	35
Armstrong, J., Cin.	4	7	5.79	14	13	0	0	65.1	63	44	8	38	45
Assenmacher, P., Atl.*	8	7	3.06	64	0	0	5	79.1	72	28	4	32	71
Bedrosian, S., Phi.	6	6	3.75	57	0	0	28	74.1	75	34	6	27	61
Bielecki, M., Chi.	2	2	3.35	19	5	0	0	48.1	55	22	4	16	33
Birtsas, T., Cin.*	1	3	4.20	36	4	0	0	64.1	61	34	6	24	38
Bockus, R., S.F.	1	1	4.78	20	0	0	0	32.0	35	19	2	13	18
Booker, G., S.D.	2	2	3.39	34	2	0	0	63.2	68	31	5	19	43
Browning, T., Cin.*	18	5	3.41	36	36	5	0	250.2	205	98	36	64	124
Burke, T., Mon.	3	5	3.40	61	0	0	18	82.0	84	36	7	25	42
Capel, M., Chi.	2	1	4.91	22	0	0	0	29.1	34	19	5	13	19
Carman, D., Phi.*	10	14	4.29	36	32	2	0	201.1	211	101	20	70	116
Charlton, N., Cin.*	4	5	3.96	10	10	0	0	61.1	60	27	6	20	39
Coffman, K., Atl.	2	6	5.78	18	11	0	0	67.0	62	52	3	54	24
Costello, J., St.L.	5	2	1.81	36	0	0	1	49.2	44	15	3	25	38
Cox, D., St.L.	3	8	3.98	13	13	0	0	86.0	89	40	6	25	47
Crews, T., L.A.	4	0	3.14	42	0	0	0	71.2	77	29	3	16	45
Darling, R., N.Y.	17	9	3.25	34	34	7	0	240.2	218	97	24	60	161
Darwin, D., Hou.	8	13	3.84	44	20	3	3	192.0	189	86	20	48	129
Davis, M., S.D.*	5	10	2.01	62	0	0	28	98.1	70	24	2	42	102
Dayley, K., St.L.*	2	7	2.77	54	0	0	5	55.1	48	20	2	19	38
DeLeon, J., St.L.	13	10	3.67	34	34	3	0	225.1	198	95	13	86	208
Dibble, R., Cin.	1	1	1.82	37	0	0	0	59.1	43	12	2	21	59
DiPino, F., Chi.*	2	3	4.98	63	0	0	6	90.1	102	54	6	32	69
Dopson, J., Mon.	3	11	3.04	26	26	1	0	168.2	150	69	15	58	101
Downs, K., S.F.	13	9	3.32	27	26	6	0	168.0	140	67	11	47	118
Drabek, D., Pit.	15	7	3.08	33	32	3	0	219.1	194	83	21	50	127
Dravecky, D., S.F.*	2	2	3.16	7	7	1	0	37.0	33	19	4	8	19
Dunne, M., Pit.	7	11	3.92	30	28	1	0	170.0	163	88	15	88	70
Eichelberger, J., Atl.	2	0	3.86	20	0	0	0	37.1	44	19	3	10	13
Fernandez, S., N.Y.*	12	10	3.03	31	31	1	0	187.0	127	69	15	70	189
Fisher, B., Pit.	8	10	4.61	33	22	1	1	146.1	157	78	13	57	66
Forsch, B., St.L.-Hou.	10	8	4.29	36	18	1	0	136.1	153	73	10	44	54
Franco, J., Cin.*	6	6	1.57	70	0	0	39	86.0	60	18	3	27	46
Freeman, M., Phi.	2	3	6.10	11	11	0	0	51.2	55	36	2	43	37
Garrelts, S., S.F.	5	9	3.58	65	0	0	13	98.0	80	42	3	46	86
Glavine, T., Atl.	7	17	4.56	34	34	1	0	195.1	201	111	12	63	84
Gooden, D., N.Y.	18	9	3.19	34	34	10	0	248.1	242	98	8	57	175
Gossage, R., Chi.	4	4	4.33	46	0	0	13	43.2	50	23	3	15	30
Gott, J., Pit.	6	6	3.49	67	0	0	34	77.1	68	30	9	22	76
Grant, M., S.D.	2	8	3.69	33	11	0	0	97.2	97	41	14	36	61
Gross, K., Phi.	12	14	3.69	33	33	5	0	231.2	209	101	18	89	162
Hammaker, A., S.F.*	9	9	3.73	43	17	3	5	144.2	136	68	11	41	65
Harkey, M., Chi.*	0	3	2.60	5	5	0	0	34.2	33	14	0	15	18
Harris, G., Phi.	4	6	2.36	66	1	0	1	107.0	80	34	7	52	71
Hawkins, A., S.D.	14	11	3.35	33	33	4	0	217.2	196	88	16	76	91
Heathcock, J., Hou.	0	5	5.81	17	1	0	0	31.0	33	25	2	16	12
Heaton, N., Mon.*	3	10	4.99	32	11	0	2	97.1	98	54	14	43	43

PITCHER, TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	HR	BB	SO
Hesketh, J., Mon.*	4	3	2.85	60	0	0	9	72.2	63	30	1	35	64
Hilligas, S., L.A.	3	4	4.13	11	10	0	0	56.2	54	26	5	17	30
Holman, B., Mon.	4	8	3.23	18	16	1	0	100.1	101	39	3	34	58
Holton, B., L.A.	7	3	1.70	45	0	0	1	84.2	69	19	1	26	49
Howell, J., L.A.	5	3	2.08	50	0	0	21	65.0	44	16	1	21	70
Jimenez, G., Atl.*	1	6	5.01	15	9	0	0	55.2	65	39	4	12	26
Jones, B., Pit.	1	1	3.04	42	0	0	2	56.1	57	21	3	21	31
Jones, J., S.D.	9	14	4.12	29	29	3	0	179.0	192	98	14	44	82
Kipper, B., Pit.*	2	6	3.74	50	0	0	0	65.0	54	33	7	26	39
Knepper, B., Hou.*	14	5	3.14	27	27	3	0	175.0	156	70	13	67	103
Krukow, M., S.F.	7	4	3.54	20	20	1	0	124.2	111	51	13	31	75
LaCoss, M., S.F.	7	7	3.62	19	19	1	0	114.1	99	55	5	47	70
Lancaster, L., Chi.	4	6	3.78	44	3	1	5	85.2	89	42	4	34	36
LaPoint, D., Pit.*	4	2	2.77	8	8	1	0	52.0	54	18	4	10	19
Leach, T., N.Y.	7	2	2.54	52	0	0	3	92.0	95	32	5	24	51
Lefferts, C., S.F.*	3	8	2.92	64	0	0	11	92.1	74	33	7	23	58
Leiper, D., S.D.*	3	0	2.17	35	0	0	1	54.0	45	19	1	14	33
Maddux, G., Chi.	18	8	3.18	34	34	9	0	249.0	230	97	13	81	140
Maddux, M., Phi.	4	3	3.76	25	11	0	0	88.2	91	41	6	34	59
Mahler, R., Atl.	9	16	3.69	39	34	5	0	249.0	279	125	17	42	131
Martinez, R., L.A.	1	3	3.79	9	6	0	0	35.2	27	17	0	22	23
Mathews, G., St.L.*	4	6	4.24	13	13	1	0	68.0	61	34	4	33	31
McClure, B., Mon.-N.Y.*	2	3	5.40	33	0	0	3	30.0	35	18	4	8	19
McCullers, L., S.D.	3	6	2.49	60	0	0	10	97.2	70	29	8	55	81
McDowell, R., N.Y.	5	5	2.63	62	0	0	16	89.0	80	31	1	31	46
McGaffigan, A., Mon.	6	0	2.76	63	0	0	4	91.1	81	31	4	37	71
McWilliams, L., St.L.*	6	9	3.90	42	17	2	1	136.0	130	64	10	45	70
Meads, D., Hou.*	3	1	3.18	22	2	0	0	39.2	37	20	4	14	27
Moyer, J., Chi.*	9	15	3.48	34	30	3	0	202.0	212	84	20	55	121
Mulholland, T., S.F.*	2	1	3.72	9	6	2	0	46.0	50	20	3	7	18
Murphy, R., Cin.*	0	6	3.08	76	0	0	3	84.2	69	31	3	38	74
Myers, R., N.Y.*	7	3	1.72	55	0	0	26	68.0	45	15	5	17	69
Nipper, A., Chi.	2	4	3.04	22	12	0	1	80.0	72	37	9	34	27
O'Neal, R., St.L.	2	3	4.58	10	8	0	0	53.0	57	29	7	10	20
Orosco, J., L.A.*	3	2	2.72	55	0	0	9	53.0	41	18	4	30	43
Palmer, D., Phi.	7	9	4.47	22	22	1	0	129.0	129	67	8	48	85
Parrett, J., Mon.	12	4	2.65	61	0	0	6	91.2	66	29	8	45	62
Pena, A., L.A.	6	7	1.91	60	0	0	12	94.1	75	29	4	27	83
Perry, P., Cin.-Chi.*	4	4	4.14	47	0	0	1	58.2	61	32	9	16	35
Peters, S., St.L.*	3	3	6.40	44	0	0	0	45.0	57	34	8	22	30
Pico, J., Chi.	6	7	4.15	29	13	3	1	112.2	108	57	6	37	57
Price, J., S.F.*	1	6	3.94	38	3	0	4	61.2	59	33	5	27	49
Puleo, C., Atl.	5	5	3.47	53	3	0	1	106.1	101	46	9	47	70
Quisenberry, D., St.L.	2	0	6.16	33	0	0	0	38.0	54	26	4	6	19
Rasmussen, D., Cin.-S.D.*	16	10	3.43	31	31	7	0	204.2	199	84	17	58	112
Rawley, S., Phi.*	8	16	4.18	32	32	4	0	198.0	220	111	27	78	87
Reuschel, R., S.F.	19	11	3.12	36	36	7	0	245.0	242	88	11	42	92
Robinson, J., Pit.	11	5	3.03	75	0	0	9	124.2	113	44	6	39	87
Robinson, R., Cin.	3	7	4.12	17	16	0	0	78.2	88	47	5	26	38
Rucker, D., Pit.*	0	2	4.76	31	0	0	0	28.1	39	19	2	9	16
Ruffin, B., Phi.*	6	10	4.43	55	15	3	3	144.1	151	86	7	80	82
Ryan, N., Hou.	12	11	3.52	33	33	4	0	220.0	186	98	18	87	228
Schiraldi, C., Chi.	9	13	4.38	29	27	2	1	166.1	166	87	13	63	140
Show, E., S.D.	16	11	3.26	32	32	13	0	234.2	201	86	22	53	144
Smiley, J., Pit.*	13	11	3.25	34	32	5	0	205.0	185	81	15	46	129
Smith, D., Hou.	4	5	2.67	51	0	0	27	57.1	60	26	1	19	38
Smith, P., Atl.	7	15	3.69	32	32	5	0	195.1	183	89	15	88	124
Smith, Z., Atl.*	5	10	4.30	23	22	3	0	140.1	159	72	8	44	59
Smoltz, J., Atl.	2	7	5.48	12	12	0	0	64.0	74	40	10	33	37
Soto, M., Cin.	3	7	4.66	14	14	3	0	87.0	88	49	8	28	34
Sutcliffe, R., Chi.	13	14	3.86	32	32	12	0	226.0	232	97	18	70	144
Sutter, B., Atl.	1	4	4.76	38	0	0	14	45.1	49	26	4	11	40
Sutton, D., L.A.	3	6	3.92	16	16	0	0	87.1	91	44	7	30	44
Tekulve, K., Phi.	3	7	3.60	70	0	0	4	80.0	87	34	3	22	43
Terry, S., St.L.	9	6	2.92	51	11	1	3	129.1	119	48	5	34	65
Valenzuela, F., L.A.*	5	8	4.24	23	22	3	1	142.1	142	71	11	76	64
Whitson, E., S.D.	13	11	3.77	34	33	3	0	205.1	202	93	17	45	118
Williams, F., Cin.	3	2	2.59	60	0	0	1	62.2	59	24	6	35	43
Worrell, T., St.L.	5	9	3.00	68	0	0	32	90.0	69	32	7	34	78
Yountman, F., Mon.	3	6	3.21	14	13	1	0	84.0	64	35	8	41	54

al OFFICIAL AVERAGES FIELDING

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
OUTFIELDERS								FIRST BASEMEN							
Pasqua, Chi.*	.996	112	258	6	1	265	2	McGriff, Tor.*	.997	153	1344	93	5	1442	143
140 OR MORE TOTAL CHANCES								490 OR MORE TOTAL CHANCES							
Anderson, Bos.-Bal.*	.984	90	243	4	4	251	1	Benzinger, Bos.	.991	85	520	38	5	563	47
Armas, Cal.	.986	113	212	5	3	220	1	Brett, K.C.	.992	124	1126	70	10	1206	105
Barfield, Tor.	.988	136	325	12	4	341	4	Brock, Mil.	.993	114	915	102	7	1024	89
Bell, Tor.	.946	149	253	8	15	276	1	Davis, Sea.	.994	115	980	65	6	1051	111
Boston, Chi.*	.951	85	190	4	10	204	2	Evans, Det.	.993	65	509	58	4	571	43
Brantley, Sea.	.982	147	327	5	6	338	1	Hrbek, Min.	.997	105	842	57	3	902	92
Buhner, N.Y.-Sea.	.985	81	186	9	3	198	3	Joyner, Cal.*	.995	156	1369	143	8	1520	148
Burks, Bos.	.977	142	370	9	9	388	0	Mattingly, N.Y.*	.993	143	1250	99	9	1358	131
Bush, Min.*	.979	109	187	3	4	194	0	McGwire, Oak.	.993	154	1228	88	9	1325	118
Calderon, Chi.	.954	67	141	5	7	153	1	Murray, Bal.	.989	103	867	106	11	984	101
Canseco, Oak.	.978	144	304	11	7	322	3	O'Brien, Tex.*	.995	155	1346	140	8	1494	124
Carter, Cle.	.985	156	444	8	7	459	3	Traber, Bal.	.990	57	459	58	5	522	51
Cotto, Sea.	.992	120	253	6	2	261	0	Upshaw, Cle.*	.991	144	1162	102	12	1276	93
Davis, Cal.	.942	153	299	10	19	328	1	Walker, Chi.	.993	98	935	41	7	983	93
Deer, Mil.	.990	133	284	10	3	297	3	SECOND BASEMEN							
Espy, Tex.	.972	98	196	10	6	212	0	White, K.C.	.994	148	293	426	4	723	88
Evans, Bos.	.987	85	151	4	2	157	0	315 OR MORE TOTAL CHANCES							
Gallagher, Chi.	1.000	95	228	5	0	233	2	Barrett, Bos.	.990	150	312	402	7	721	97
Gerhart, Bal.	.975	93	192	3	5	200	1	Franco, Cle.	.982	151	310	434	14	758	87
Gladden, Min.	.991	140	319	12	3	334	5	Gantner, Mil.	.986	154	325	428	11	764	92
Greenwell, Bos.	.981	147	302	6	6	314	2	Herr, Min.	.988	73	140	195	4	339	54
Hall, Cle.*	.967	141	288	3	10	301	1	Hubbard, Oak.	.987	104	195	267	6	468	60
Henderson, Oak.	.982	143	382	5	7	394	2	Lee, Tor.	.988	98	221	261	6	488	64
Henderson, N.Y.*	.965	136	320	7	12	339	5	Lombardozi, Min.	.986	90	140	211	5	356	47
Incaviglia, Tex.	.989	93	172	12	2	186	1	Manrique, Chi.	.985	129	228	308	8	544	77
Jackson, K.C.	.973	121	246	11	7	264	2	Randolph, N.Y.	.988	110	254	339	7	600	83
Javier, Oak.	.980	115	240	6	5	251	2	Ray, Cal.	.972	104	194	328	15	537	64
Lemon, Del.	.974	144	296	8	8	312	3	Reynolds, Sea.	.977	158	303	471	18	792	111
Leonard, Mil.	.985	91	191	4	3	198	1	Ripken, Bal.	.984	149	309	440	12	761	110
Lynn, Bal.-Det.*	.992	105	257	3	2	262	0	Whitaker, Det.	.984	110	218	284	8	510	53
McDowell, Tex.*	.989	113	267	2	3	272	1	Wilkerson, Tex.	.970	87	153	240	12	405	52
Moseby, Tor.	.984	125	304	2	5	311	1	SHORTSTOPS							
Orsulak, Bal.*	.979	117	228	6	5	239	2	Schofield, Cal.	.983	155	278	492	13	783	125
Pettis, Det.	.987	126	361	5	5	371	0	250 OR MORE TOTAL CHANCES							
Polonia, Oak.*	.988	76	155	3	2	160	1	Bell, Cle.	.965	72	103	170	10	283	37
Puckett, Min.	.994	158	450	12	3	465	4	Fernandez, Tor.	.981	154	247	470	14	731	106
Redus, Chi.	.987	68	140	7	2	149	1	Fletcher, Tex.	.983	139	215	414	11	640	90
Sheets, Bal.	.974	76	139	9	4	152	0	Gagne, Min.	.970	146	200	373	18	591	79
Sheridan, Det.	.981	111	203	2	4	209	0	Guillen, Chi.	.977	156	273	570	20	863	115
Sierra, Tex.	.979	153	310	11	7	328	3	Owen, Bos.	.967	76	102	192	10	304	34
Snyder, Cle.	.985	141	314	16	5	335	0	Quinones, Sea.	.963	135	202	396	23	621	103
Stanicek, Bal.	.985	65	128	4	2	134	2	Reed, Bos.	.971	94	123	242	11	376	49
Tartabull, K.C.	.963	130	227	8	9	244	1	Ripken, Bal.	.973	161	284	480	21	785	119
Washington, N.Y.*	.984	117	309	5	5	319	1	Santana, N.Y.	.966	148	202	421	22	645	96
White, Cal.	.976	116	364	7	9	380	2	Stillwell, K.C.	.976	124	170	349	13	532	60
Wilson, Sea.	.980	75	140	4	3	147	1	Sveum, Mil.	.955	127	208	370	27	605	93
Wilson, K.C.	.989	142	365	1	4	370	0	Trammell, Det.	.980	125	195	355	11	561	67
Winfield, N.Y.	.989	141	276	3	3	282	1	Weiss, Oak.	.979	147	254	431	15	700	83
Yount, Mil.	.996	158	444	12	2	458	2	THIRD BASEMEN							
CATCHERS								Lansford, Oak.	.979	143	113	220	7	340	16
Cerone, Bos.	1.000	83	471	28	0	499	4	120 OR MORE TOTAL CHANCES							
Allanson, Cle.	.986	133	691	60	11	762	11	Boggs, Bos.	.971	151	122	250	11	383	17
Boone, Cal.	.986	121	506	66	8	580	9	Brookens, Det.	.952	136	101	234	17	352	16
Bradley, Sea.	.991	85	524	37	5	566	6	Buechele, Tex.	.962	153	110	297	16	423	25
Gedman, Bos.	.992	93	570	40	5	615	4	Gaetti, Min.	.977	115	105	189	7	301	24
Hassey, Oak.	.994	91	465	31	3	499	7	Gonzales, Bal.	.966	80	45	153	7	205	19
Laudner, Min.	.992	109	621	35	5	661	8	Gruber, Tor.	.971	156	114	349	14	477	31
Nokes, Det.	.989	110	574	45	7	626	8	Howell, Cal.	.953	152	96	249	17	362	19
Petrilli, Tex.	.981	85	409	45	9	463	7	Jacoby, Cle.	.975	151	99	298	10	407	23
Quirk, K.C.	.982	79	409	31	8	448	5	Lyons, Chi.	.927	128	81	238	25	344	36
Slaughter, N.Y.	.979	94	496	24	11	531	4	Molitor, Mil.	.941	105	86	187	17	290	15
Steinbach, Oak.	.983	84	484	48	9	541	5	Pagliarulo, N.Y.	.943	124	82	232	19	333	16
Surhoff, Mil.	.990	106	525	42	6	573	2	Presley, Sea.	.940	146	112	234	22	368	25
Valle, Sea.	.989	84	484	47	6	537	7	Schu, Bal.	.937	72	56	108	11	175	7
Whitt, Tor.	.994	123	643	43	4	690	10	Seitzer, K.C.	.938	147	93	297	26	416	33

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	AT SEATTLE	AT OAKLAND	AT CALIFORNIA	AT TEXAS	AT KANSAS CITY	AT MINNESOTA	AT CHICAGO	AT MILWAUKEE	AT DETROIT	AT CLEVELAND	AT TORONTO	AT BALTIMORE	AT NEW YORK	AT BOSTON
SEATTLE		April 3 rd , 5 th , 6 th July 28 th , 29 th , 30 th	April 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Aug. 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	July 29 th , 30 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	June 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Sept. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	June 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	April 20 th , 21 st Sept. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug. 29 th , 30 th , 31 st	April 24 th , 25 th July 13 th , 14 th , 15 th	June 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Aug. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	May 8 th , 9 th , 10 th June 16 th , 17 th , 18 th	May 5 th , 6 th , 7 th July 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	May 29 th , 30 th , 31 st Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	May 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
OAKLAND	April 17 th , 18 th , 19 th Aug. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th		April 10 th , 11 th , 12 th , 13 th Aug. 11 th , 12 th , 13 th	June 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Aug. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	June 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	June 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Sept. 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th Aug. 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	May 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	May 5 th , 6 th , 7 th July 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	June 30 th July 1 st , 2 nd Sept. 18 th , 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	May 2 nd , 3 rd July 13 th , 14 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th	May 8 th , 9 th , 10 th June 16 th , 17 th , 18 th	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug. 28 th , 29 th , 30 th	May 29 th , 30 th , 31 st Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th
CALIFORNIA	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th July 31 st Aug. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	April 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd July 24 th , 25 th , 26 th		June 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	June 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Aug. 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	June 29 th , 30 th July 1 st , 2 nd Sept. 18 th , 19 th , 20 th	April 17 th , 18 th , 19 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	May 29 th , 30 th , 31 st Aug. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	May 8 th , 9 th , 10 th June 16 th , 17 th , 18 th	June 27 th , 28 th Sept. 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	May 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th July 17 th , 18 th	May 2 nd , 3 rd July 13 th , 14 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th	May 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug. 28 th , 29 th , 30 th
TEXAS	June 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Aug. 15 th , 16 th	July 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Sept. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Oct. 1	July 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Sept. 29 th , 30 th	June 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	May 11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th , 14 th	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug. 29 th , 30 th , 31 st	June 27 th , 28 th Aug. 17 th , 18 th	April 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th Aug. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	April 25 th , 26 th July 13 th , 14 th , 15 th	April 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd Aug. 7 th , 8 th , 9 th	May 29 th , 30 th , 31 st Aug. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	May 8 th , 9 th , 10 th June 16 th , 17 th , 18 th	May 5 th , 6 th , 7 th June 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd
KANSAS CITY	June 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Aug. 17 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th	July 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Sept. 29 th , 30 th Oct. 1	June 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Sept. 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	May 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	May 11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th , 14 th	May 15 th , 16 th , 17 th Aug. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	June 29 th , 30 th July 1 st , 2 nd Aug. 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	May 5 th , 6 th , 7 th June 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd	May 19 th , 20 th , 21 st Sept. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	May 3 rd , 4 th June 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th Aug. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	April 18 th , 19 th , 20 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	May 1 st , 2 nd July 13 th , 14 th , 15 th	April 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd July 25 th , 26 th , 27 th
MINNESOTA	July 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Sept. 29 th , 30 th Oct. 1	June 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Aug. 18 th , 19 th , 20 th	July 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Aug. 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	May 18 th , 19 th , 20 th , 21 st Sept. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	May 11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th , 14 th	May 15 th , 16 th , 17 th Aug. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	June 29 th , 30 th July 1 st , 2 nd Aug. 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	May 5 th , 6 th , 7 th June 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd	April 11 th , 12 th July 28 th , 29 th , 30 th	May 5 th , 6 th , 7 th June 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd	May 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	April 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd Aug. 7 th , 8 th , 9 th	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th Aug. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	May 8 th , 9 th , 10 th June 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th
CHICAGO	April 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Aug. 11 th , 12 th , 13 th	April 7 th , 8 th , 9 th July 31 st Aug. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	April 4 th , 5 th , 6 th July 27 th , 28 th , 29 th , 30 th	June 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th Sept. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	July 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Sept. 18 th , 19 th , 20 th	June 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Aug. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	May 18 th , 19 th , 20 th Aug. 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	May 8 th , 9 th , 10 th June 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	May 15 th , 16 th , 17 th Sept. 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	July 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug. 29 th , 30 th , 31 st	May 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Sept. 11 th , 12 th , 13 th	April 28 th , 29 th , 30 th June 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd	April 25 th , 26 th , 27 th July 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd
MILWAUKEE	May 16 th , 17 th , 18 th Sept. 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	May 12 th , 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th	May 19 th , 20 th , 21 st Sept. 5 th , 6 th , 7 th	April 17 th , 18 th , 19 th July 28 th , 29 th , 30 th	April 28 th , 29 th , 30 th July 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	May 3 rd , 4 th June 16 th , 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	May 1 st , 2 nd July 13 th , 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	April 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd July 24 th , 25 th , 26 th	April 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Aug. 7 th , 8 th , 9 th	April 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Aug. 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	June 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	June 8 th , 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Aug. 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	July 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Sept. 29 th , 30 th Oct. 1	June 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th
DETROIT	May 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd June 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	April 28 th , 29 th , 30 th June 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	April 26 th , 27 th July 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	April 4 th , 5 th Aug. 10 th , 11 th , 12 th , 13 th	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug. 29 th , 30 th , 31 st	April 18 th , 19 th , 20 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	May 29 th , 30 th , 31 st Aug. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	April 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd July 24 th , 25 th , 26 th	April 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Aug. 7 th , 8 th , 9 th	May 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th , 14 th	June 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Aug. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	June 30 th July 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Sept. 19 th , 20 th	July 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Sept. 29 th , 30 th Oct. 1	June 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th
CLEVELAND	July 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Sept. 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	June 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Aug. 18 th , 19 th , 20 th	June 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Aug. 18 th , 19 th , 20 th	May 1 st , 2 nd June 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th , 26 th	May 9 th , 10 th July 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	April 28 th , 29 th , 30 th July 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	June 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th , 14 th	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th July 31 st Aug. 1 st , 2 nd	May 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	May 15 th , 16 th , 17 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	May 18 th , 19 th , 20 th Sept. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	June 27 th , 28 th , 29 th Aug. 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	April 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Aug. 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th , 17 th
TORONTO	April 26 th , 27 th July 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd	April 24 th , 25 th June 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	April 28 th , 29 th , 30 th June 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	April 7 th , 8 th , 9 th July 24 th , 25 th , 26 th	April 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Aug. 11 th , 12 th , 13 th	May 12 th , 13 th , 14 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th , 14 th	May 19 th , 20 th , 21 st Sept. 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	June 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Sept. 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th	July 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Sept. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	May 29 th , 30 th , 31 st Sept. 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	May 15 th , 16 th , 17 th Sept. 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	June 27 th , 28 th , 29 th Aug. 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	April 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Aug. 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	June 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Aug. 14 th , 15 th , 16 th
BALTIMORE	April 28 th , 29 th , 30 th June 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	April 26 th , 27 th June 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd	April 24 th , 25 th June 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	May 16 th , 17 th Sept. 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	April 10 th , 11 th , 12 th July 28 th , 29 th , 30 th	April 7 th , 8 th , 9 th July 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	May 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th Sept. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	July 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Sept. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	June 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Aug. 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug. 29 th , 30 th , 31 st	July 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Sept. 29 th , 30 th Oct. 1	June 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Aug. 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	April 14 th , 15 th , 16 th , 17 th Aug. 24 th , 25 th , 26 th	June 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Aug. 27 th , 28 th , 29 th
NEW YORK	May 19 th , 20 th , 21 st Sept. 5 th , 6 th , 7 th	May 16 th , 17 th , 18 th Sept. 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	May 12 th , 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Sept. 12 th , 13 th	May 3 rd , 4 th July 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	April 25 th , 26 th , 27 th June 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	April 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Aug. 11 th , 12 th , 13 th	May 5 th , 6 th , 7 th July 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	June 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Aug. 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	June 27 th , 28 th , 29 th Aug. 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	April 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd Sept. 24 th	April 17 th , 18			

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CHICAGO		April 17*, 18*, 19* June 16*, 17*, 18* Sept. 25*, 26*, 27*	April 20*, 21*, 22, 23 June 13*, 14*, 15* Sept. 4*, 5*	April 14*, 15*, 16* July 31* August 1*, 2*, 3* Sept. 6*, 7*	June 20*, 21*, 22* August 4*, 5, 6 Sept. 15*, 16, 17 Oct. 1	June 2*, 3, 4 July 24*, 25*, 26* Sept. 29*, 30 Oct. 1	May 29, 30*, 31* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 19*, 20*, 21 August 15*, 16*, 17*	May 22*, 23*, 24* August 18*, 19*, 20 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 5*, 6*, 7 July 17*, 18*, 19* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 3*, 4 July 13*, 14*, 15*, 16 July 1, 2	May 1*, 2* June 29*, 30* July 1, 2
MONTREAL	June 23, 24, 25 August 7*, 8, 9 Sept. 11, 12*, 13*		June 19*, 20*, 21 August 4*, 5, 6 Sept. 22*, 23, 24	April 10*, 11*, 12* June 2*, 3*, 4 Sept. 29*, 30* Oct. 1	April 14*, 15, 16 July 31* August 1*, 2*, 3* Sept. 20*, 21*	April 20*, 21*, 22, 23 June 13*, 14*, 15 Sept. 4*, 5	May 5*, 6*, 7 July 3*, 4*, 5* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	April 25*, 26* July 13*, 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 8*, 9*, 10* July 7*, 8, 9 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 26*, 27*, 28 August 28*, 29*, 30* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 23*, 24*, 25 August 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 2*, 3	May 23*, 24*, 25 August 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3
NEW YORK	June 5*, 6, 7, 8* July 28, 29, 30 Sept. 18*, 19	April 7*, 8, 9 April 11*, 12, 13 July 24*, 25*, 26* Sept. 15*, 16*, 17		June 16*, 17*, 18 August 7*, 8*, 9 Sept. 11*, 12*, 13*	April 11*, 13 June 9*, 10*, 11, 12* Sept. 29*, 30* Oct. 1	April 14*, 15, 16 July 31* August 1*, 2*, 3 Sept. 20*, 21*	June 20*, 21*, 22, 23 June 13*, 14*, 15 Sept. 22*, 23, 24	May 1*, 2* July 13*, 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	April 28*, 29*, 30 July 3*, 4, 5* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 26*, 27*, 28 August 28*, 29*, 30* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 23*, 24*, 25 August 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 2*, 3	May 29, 30*, 31* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3
PHILADELPHIA	April 4*, 5*, 6 June 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13 Sept. 20, 21	June 9*, 10*, 11 July 24*, 25*, 26* Sept. 8*, 9*, 10	April 17*, 18*, 19* June 23*, 24*, 25 Sept. 25*, 26*, 27*	April 17*, 18 August 7*, 8*, 9 Sept. 11*, 12*, 13*	April 20*, 21*, 22, 23 June 13*, 14*, 15 Sept. 18*, 19*	June 26*, 27*, 28* August 4*, 5*, 6 Sept. 22*, 23, 24	May 3*, 4* July 6*, 7*, 8*, 9 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 5*, 6*, 7 July 17*, 18*, 19* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	April 24*, 25*, 26* July 21*, 22*, 23 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 23*, 24*, 25* August 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 29*, 30*, 31* August 31 Sept. 2*, 3	May 26*, 27*, 28 August 28*, 29*, 30 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3
PITTSBURGH	April 7, 8, 9 June 26*, 27, 28 Sept. 22, 23, 24	April 4*, 5*, 6 August 11*, 12*, 13, 14 Sept. 6*, 7*	June 2*, 3*, 4 July 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 8*, 9, 10	June 5*, 6*, 7*, 8* July 28*, 29*, 30 Sept. 4*, 5*	June 23*, 24*, 25 August 7*, 8*, 9* Sept. 25*, 26*, 27*	April 17*, 18*, 19 June 16*, 17*, 18 Sept. 11*, 12*, 13*	May 23*, 24*, 25* August 18*, 19*, 20 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 1*, 2* June 30* July 1, 2, 3	May 16*, 17*, 18* August 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 5*, 6*, 7 July 17*, 18*, 19* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 5*, 6*, 7 July 17*, 18*, 19* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 3*, 4 July 13*, 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3
ST. LOUIS	April 11, 12* June 9, 10, 11, 12 Sept. 8, 9, 10	June 5*, 6*, 7*, 8 August 11*, 12*, 13, 14 Sept. 18*, 19	April 3, 5, 6 June 20*, 21*, 22*, 23 Sept. 6*, 7*	April 7*, 8*, 9 June 30* Sept. 15*, 16*, 17	June 23*, 24*, 25 August 7*, 8*, 9* Sept. 25*, 26*, 27*	April 17*, 18*, 19 June 16*, 17*, 18 Sept. 11*, 12*, 13*	May 19*, 20*, 21 August 22*, 23*, 24 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 22*, 23*, 24* August 18*, 19*, 20 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 16*, 17*, 18* August 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 1*, 2* June 30* July 1, 2, 3	May 5*, 6*, 7 July 17*, 18*, 19* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 3*, 4 July 13*, 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3
ATLANTA	May 15, 16, 17* August 25, 26, 27	April 28*, 29, 30 July 17*, 18*, 19*	April 25*, 26* July 20*, 21*, 22*, 23 Sept. 6*, 7*	May 9*, 10*, 11* June 30* July 1*, 2	May 12*, 13*, 14 August 28*, 29*, 30* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 26*, 27*, 28 August 14*, 15*, 16* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	April 4*, 5*, 6* June 9*, 10*, 11 Sept. 15*, 16*, 17	June 27*, 28*, 29* August 4*, 5*, 6 Sept. 8*, 9, 10	April 16*, 17*, 18 August 7*, 8*, 9* Sept. 15*, 16*, 17	April 10*, 11*, 12*, 13 August 11*(TN), 13 Sept. 13*, 14*	April 14*, 15, 16(DH) June 13*, 14, 15 Sept. 11*, 12*	April 14*, 15, 16(DH) June 13*, 14, 15 Sept. 11*, 12*
CINCINNATI	May 26, 27*, 28 August 21*, 22, 23	May 1*, 2* July 20*, 21*, 22, 23	May 3*, 4* July 6*, 7*, 8, 9	April 28*, 29, 30 July 3*, 4*, 5*	May 29, 30*, 31* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 12*, 13*, 14 August 28*, 29*, 30* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	June 20*, 21*, 22* July 28*, 29*, 30 Sept. 22*, 23*, 24	June 27*, 28*, 29* August 4*, 5*, 6 Sept. 8*, 9, 10	April 10*, 11*, 12*, 13 August 11*(TN), 13 Sept. 13*, 14*	April 14*, 15*, 16 June 13*, 14*, 15 Sept. 15*, 16*, 17	April 14*, 15*, 16 June 13*, 14*, 15 Sept. 15*, 16*, 17	June 16*, 17, 18 August 7*, 8*, 9, 10 Sept. 13*, 14
HOUSTON	May 12, 13, 14 August 28, 29, 30*	May 3*, 4* June 29*, 30* July 1*, 2	May 5*, 6, 7 July 17*, 18*, 19*	May 1*, 2* July 13*, 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 26*, 27*, 28 August 22*, 23*, 24* Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	May 29*, 30*, 31 Sept. 1*, 2*, 3	April 18*, 19*, 20* June 23*, 24*, 25 Sept. 19*, 20*, 21*	April 21*, 22, 23 August 1*, 2*, 3 Sept. 29*, 30 Oct. 1	April 13, 14*, 15, 16 June 13*, 14*, 15* Sept. 13*, 14	June 16*, 17*, 18 August 7*, 8*, 9*, 10 Sept. 11*, 12*	June 16*, 17*, 18 August 7*, 8*, 9*, 10 Sept. 11*, 12*	June 19*, 20*, 21 August 4*, 5, 6 Sept. 22*, 23, 24
LOS ANGELES	April 25*, 26, 27 July 7, 8, 9	May 19*, 20, 21 August 21*, 22*, 23*	May 15*, 16*, 17* August 18*, 19, 20	May 12*, 13*, 14 August 15*, 16*, 17*	May 9*, 10* July 21*, 22*, 23, 24*	April 28*, 29, 30 July 4*, 5*, 6*	June 1*, 2*, 3*, 4 June 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 4, 5*	April 3, 5*, 6 June 23*, 24, 25, 26* Sept. 6*, 7*	June 1*, 2*, 3*, 4 June 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 4, 5*	June 19*, 20*, 21* July 28*, 29*, 30 Sept. 8*, 9*, 10	June 19*, 20*, 21* July 28*, 29*, 30 Sept. 8*, 9*, 10	April 10*, 11*, 12* August 11*, 12, 13 Sept. 19*, 20*, 21*
SAN DIEGO	April 28, 29, 30 July 4*, 5*, 6	May 15*, 16*, 17* August 18*, 19*, 20	May 12*, 13, 14 August 15*, 16*, 17	May 19*, 20*, 21 August 21*, 22*, 23*	April 25*, 26*, 27* July 7*, 8*, 9	May 9*, 10*, 11 June 30* July 1*, 2	April 21*, 22*, 23, 24* June 23*, 24*, 25 Sept. 4, 5*	June 2*, 3*, 4 July 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 19*, 20*, 21	April 7*, 8*, 9 June 5*, 6*, 7*, 8* Sept. 6*, 7*	June 27*, 28*, 29* August 4*, 5, 6 Sept. 22*, 23, 24	June 27*, 28*, 29* August 4*, 5, 6 Sept. 22*, 23, 24	April 17*, 18*, 19 June 9*, 10, 11 Sept. 15*, 16, 17
SAN FRANCISCO	May 9, 10* July 20*, 21, 22, 23	May 12*, 13, 14 August 15*, 16*, 17*	May 19*, 20, 21 August 21*, 22*, 23	May 15*, 16*, 17* August 18*, 19*, 20	April 28*, 29, 30 July 4*, 5*, 6*	April 25*, 26*, 27 July 7*, 8*, 9	June 2*, 3, 4 July 25*, 26*, 27 Sept. 19*, 20*, 21	April 7*, 8, 9 June 5*, 6*, 7*, 8 Sept. 4, 5*	June 26*, 27*, 28 July 28*, 29, 30 Sept. 8*, 9*, 10	April 21*, 22*, 23 August 1*, 2*, 3* Sept. 25*, 26*, 27*	April 3*, 4*, 5 June 23*, 24*, 25 Sept. 29*, 30*	April 3*, 4*, 5 June 23*, 24*, 25 Sept. 29*, 30*

STRIKEOUTS*(Inactive players 2000 or more)*

RYAN, Nolan, Rangers	4775
Steve Carlton	4136
Tom Seaver	3640
Don Sutton	3574
Gaylord Perry	3534
Walter Johnson	3508
BLYLEVEN, Bert, Angels	3431
Phil Niekro	3342
Ferguson Jenkins	3192
Bob Gibson	3117
Jim Bunning	2855
Mickey Lolich	2832
Cy Young	2799
Warren Spahn	2583
Bob Feller	2581
Jerry Koosman	2556
Tim Keefe	2533
Christy Mathewson	2502
Don Drysdale	2486
Jim Kaat	2461
Sam McDowell	2453
Luis Tiant	2416
Sandy Koufax	2396
Robin Roberts	2357
Early Wynn	2334
Rube Waddell	2316
Juan Marichal	2303
Lefty Grove	2266
Ed Plank	2246
JOHN, Tommy	2227
Jim Palmer	2212
Grover Alexander	2199
TANANA, Frank, Tigers	2198
Vida Blue	2175
Camilo Pascual	2167
Bobo Newsome	2082
Dazzy Vance	2045
John Clarkson	2015
Jim Hunter	2012
REUSS, Jerry, White Sox	1866
REUSCHEL, Rick, Giants	1851
ECKERSLEY, Dennis, A's	1810
GUIDRY, Ron	1810
HOUGH, Charlie, Rangers	1780
NIEKRO, Joe	1747
MORRIS, Jack, Tigers	1703
BANNISTER, Floyd, Royals	1642
VALENZUELA, Fernando, Dodgers	1528
CANDELARIA, John, Yankees	1481
KRUKOW, Mike, Giants	1460
WELCH, Bob, A's	1450
SOTO, Mario	1449
ALEXANDER, Doyle, Tigers	1433
KNEPPER, Bob, Astros	1385
RHODEN, Rick, Astros	1378
FLANAGAN, Mike, Blue Jays	1367
GOSSAGE, Rich, Cubs	1349
STIEB, Dave, Blue Jays	1331
SUTCLIFFE, Rick, Cubs	1252
SCOTT, Mike, Astros	1173
WITT, Mike, Angels	1146
MARTINEZ, Dennis, Expos	1125
FORSCH, Bob, Astros	1093
VIOLA, Frank, Twins	1076
GOODEN, Dwight, Mets	1067
DARWIN, Danny, Astros	1052
HURST, Bruce, Padres	1043
ANDUJAR, Joaquin	1032
LANGSTON, Mark, Mariners	1018
SANDERSON, Scott, Cubs	995
CLEMENS, Roger, Red Sox	985
WHITSON, Ed, Padres	982
ROBINSON, Don, Giants	973
MOORE, Mike, A's	937
PETRY, Dan, Angels	930
RAWLEY, Shane, Twins	923
TUDOR, John, Dodgers	916

SHUTOUTS*(Inactive players 40 or more)*

Walter Johnson	113
Grover Alexander	90
Christy Mathewson	80
Cy Young	76
Ed Plank	69
Warren Spahn	63
Tom Seaver	61
Don Sutton	58
Mordecai Brown	57
Jim Galvin	57
Bob Gibson	56
BLYLEVEN, Bert, Angels	55
Steve Carlton	55
RYAN, Nolan, Rangers	55
Jim Palmer	53
Gaylord Perry	53
Juan Marichal	52
Rube Waddell	50
Vic Willis	50
Don Drysdale	49
Ferguson Jenkins	49
Luis Tiant	49
Early Wynn	49
Kid Nichols	48
Red Ruffing	48
Babe Adams	47
Jack Powell	47
Bob Feller	46
JOHN, Tommy	46
Addie Joss	46
Doc White	46
Whitey Ford	45
Phil Niekro	45
Robin Roberts	45
Milt Pappas	43
Jim Hunter	42
Bucky Walters	42
Chief Bender	41
Mickey Lolich	41
Hippo Vaughn	41
Jim Bunning	40
Larry French	40
Tim Keefe	40
Sandy Koufax	40
Claude Osteen	40
Ed Reulbach	40
Mel Stottlemyre	40
Mickey Welch	40
REUSS, Jerry, White Sox	38
TANANA, Frank, Tigers	31
NIEKRO, Joe	29
KNEPPER, Bob, Astros	29
VALENZUELA, Fernando, Dodgers	27
GUIDRY, Ron	26
REUSCHEL, Rick, Giants	26
STIEB, Dave, Blue Jays	26
WELCH, Bob, A's	25
MORRIS, Jack, Tigers	21
ECKERSLEY, Dennis, A's	20
HERSHISER, Orel, Dodgers	19
ANDUJAR, Joaquin	19
FORSCH, Bob, Astros	19
GOODEN, Dwight, Mets	19
CLEMENS, Roger, Red Sox	18
FLANAGAN, Mike, Blue Jays	18
SCOTT, Mike, Astros	18
RHODEN, Rick, Yankees	17
ALEXANDER, Doyle, Tigers	17
BANNISTER, Floyd, Royals	16
SUTCLIFFE, Rick, Cubs	15
TUDOR, John, Dodgers	15
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